

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, February 16th, 2021

Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:02 pm on February 16th by Megan Prusienski. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Bethany Schwendy, Lisa Walters, Kathy Rocchetti, Robyn Rapp, and Sam Darrell. Absent was Lynn Kallus Rainey. Staff Present: Megan Prusienski, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Forum - none
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from February 2020 will be brought forth at a future meeting..
4. Old Business Updates
 - Spruce Street Swings were installed by Public Works in July of 2020. All of the wood chips that were bought for the new equipment were washed away by the storm Isaias in early August and had to be re-purchased. Members discussed the need for additional swings in the park system and it has been noted. We will incorporate money in the 2022 budget to add at least one bay to Menlo and fix the swings at the Baseball Fields off Walnut.
 - Tree City USA Designation – the deadline for 2020 recognition. We were going to use the Rotary’s dedication of two trees to essential workers for the “event” but the Borough has not put together/approved an ordinance. There are a few other things of importance that shall take precedence over this designation but it is still being sought out.
 - Menlo employee applications are coming in, healthy return rate from 2020 staff. Memberships are now on sale with 10% off until March 31st. At the moment we were told to operate under 2020 guidelines but hopeful there will be updates coming in April. Furniture will not be put out, adding picnic tables for staff, and hoping to add a few more square feet on the deck for patrons.
 - We talked about if Paddleboard Yoga is returning – will reach out to the instructor.
 - The proposed Adirondack chair is still of interest if there may be a scout or company to donate the funds
 - Photo ops with the Santa statue and Christmas in July at the pool
 - Upcoming Events – Linda is working on Earth Day and educating the residents on proper recycling which is part of the grant that the Borough was awarded to upgrade the recycling center. Dave offered to be there for a park clean up on Saturday, April 24th. We will advertise this for local residents or groups (like the scouts) who are able to come and help clean Menlo and Lenape that day. A time will be agreed upon once Dave checks his schedule.
 - Amphitheater Update – there was some confusion once the pandemic hit and internal staff changes – Andrea was able to get ahold of the current contact and with some prodding we were given a date of October. The borough plans to be in contact weekly to see if this date can be moved up any and if in fact it has to coincide with the footers being poured. Final design is not known, will have an update from Old Castle shortly
 - Covered Bridge Restoration project has two options in front of council to decide how they want to proceed with the RFP, either have an engineer look and draw up plans and propose and RFP for the work or have just one RFP with a craftsman that can see what has to be done and do the work himself.
5. Reports
 - Park and Recreation Reports: November, January. No comments

6 New Business

- Upcoming events – Dave has volunteered to help with the Trail Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. Linda is planning on our three borough events as if they will happen, certain protocols in place as we wait for any changes over the year.
- All agreed to wait on scheduling any bus trips as the risk seems too high for a non-profitable venture.
- Memorial Day parade will be taking place in Sellersville and we will have the salute at Menlo on actual Memorial Day like always.
- We discussed any idea for Eagle Scout projects and it was brought up by Callowhill how the dirt trail was in need of some up keep as a few trees had fallen after Isaias. This is a popular spot with fishing and very night area by the creek. It will be brought up to the PW Director. Also suggestions for more gravel in the parking lot.
- The community garden plots will open to the residents on March 1st. We talked about how we have a volunteer tilling the grounds now and if that ever goes away perhaps we can enlist the help of the school district who also keeps gardens for the schools.

- 7 Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm. Motioned by Lisa, seconded by Bethany, all in favor.

Next Meeting: March 16th, 2021 – 7:00 PM at Perkasio Borough Hall.

“The mission of the Perkasio Park & Recreation Board is to preserve and enhance the park system while planning and supporting events for the benefit and enjoyment of our community.”