

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, November 15, 2022
Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:06 pm on November 15, 2022 by Kathy Rocchetti. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Lynne Kallus Rainey, Robyn Rapp, Kathy Rocchetti, Bethany Schwendy, and Lisa Walters. Absent was Emily Greco. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3. Approval of July 2022 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Lisa, all in favor.

4. Old Business Updates

- End of Season Menlo
 - Lauren gave an end of season update surrounding staffing, various programs and events that brought back as the season progressed. Looking forward to 2023 discussion surrounded the proposed 2023 budget to include staff retention line as well as updating the membership fees to a per person fee that is competitive to other comparable pools. The Park and Rec Board agrees with and recommends this idea.
- Fall Programming
 - Lauren gave a breakdown of the different programs offered through Parks and Recreation this fall including a community yard sale, Medicare workshop, babysitting certification. Two outdoor school's out camps were cancelled due to low enrollment and discussion sounded other marketing outlets that could be used in the future to promote programming.
- Trail Survey 2020
 - A Borough wide trail survey was done in 2020 which mimicked the road rating of 1-3. Originally 30% of the trail system was considered a category 3. The survey was proposed with the fees associated to repair broken down by category. Lauren explained that moving equipment back and forth to different parks and area of the trails is not feasible and is expensive. Lauren provided an update to the trail survey that is broken down by park and the fees associated to repair all the trails in that park. After review and discussion of the trail system it is recommended by the Park and Rec Board that the priority should be the Lenape Park Trail due to the high volume and safety risk of those using the trail should it deteriorate any faster.

5. Reports

- July and August 2022 Parks and Recreation Report – no comments
- September 2022 Parks and Recreation Report – comments regarding marketing of the Doggie Dip.

6. New Business

- ARPA Funding
 - Lauren gave an update to the various parks and recreation related expenditures approved through ARPA funding by Perkasio Borough Council.
- Lenape Park LED Sign
 - Lauren gave an update to the electronic message board sign proposed for Lenape Park. Currently the sign is still in the design phase and staff are waiting to see both brick and stone samples in person. Based off printed samples the Park and Rec Board recommends brick design xxx and stone design xxx.
- Skate Park Ideas
 - Lauren gave an update on the skate park and the need to repair and replace some portions of it due to usage and age. Lauren provided the board with some prospective designs and after review the Park and Rec Board recommends to look into additional designs that would fit the space and not lose aspects of the ramp park current users enjoy.
- Kulp Park Renovation Project Ideas
 - Lauren explained the idea of exploring upgrades to Kulp Park basketball court and baseball field including ADA improvements and the possibility of applying for grant funding. The Park and Recreation Board expressed how these upgrades would be a plus for community development, park users, youth sport organizations, as well as keeping with the historical background of the park. This project was highly recommended looking into further by all present board members.
- Santa in Perkasio
 - Lauren gave an update to the scheduled holiday events and programs including the Santa Route, Santa House, new Storytime with Santa program, and updated website to include any 'Santa sightings' in Perkasio Borough at local businesses.
- Earth Day 2023
 - Lauren explained the upcoming focus for the April 2023 Earth Day event and the need for a Park and Rec Board volunteer to join the planning committee being put together by the Community Development and Events department. Lynne volunteered pending the time and requirements needed.

7. Other Business and Discussion – Discussion surrounded the pickleball courts and recreational versus lesson usages.

8. Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Bethany, all in favor.

Next Meeting: December 20, 2022 – 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."

Minutes respectfully submitted by
 Robyn Rapp
 Secretary, Perkasio Borough Parks & Recreation Board