

PERKASIE BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING, October 19, 2021
Perkasie Borough Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:03 pm on October 19th by Lauren Moll. Members present were Dave Broadbent, Emily Greco, Lynne Kallus Rainey, Kathy Rocchetti, and Lisa Walters. Absent was Bethany Schwendy and Robyn Rapp. Staff Present: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Forum - none

3. Approval of August 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Kathy, seconded by Lisa, all in favor.

4. Old Business Updates

- Amphitheater is still moving forward. Footings scheduled for November. Project must be completed by end of the year due to Open Space grant funding expiring end of the 2022.
- Fall Programming Update
 - Community yard sale was held this past Saturday, 10/16 in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. Contrary to all the feedback asking for a yard sale from the community there were only 8 vendors registered and of those 8 only 6 showed up for the event. However with the increased foot traffic due to the Farmer's Market those 6 vendors did well. Because the program requires little in terms of cost, maintenance, or supervisor there will be more in the future.
 - Medicare workshop being held this evening, 10/19 through Del Val Senior Advisors. Registration did well at 13 participants. It's a free program and will be running again next year.
 - American Red Cross babysitting courses scheduled to run on Sunday 11/7 from 9a-3pm. Marketing done via newsletter, website, flyers, outdoor signage, and through instructors of the program. Currently 3 registered and will continue to market it to the community.
 - Virtual SAT math prep class recently organized. Scheduled to run four Sundays in November starting 11/7 from 1-3pm. Instructor has over 20 years of experience. Because this program was just organized no marketing has been done yet expect for posting on website.
 - Possible virtual cooking class workshops available in December.
 - Fall pickleball doing extremely well. September's programs almost all maxed out and instructor is interested in doing a few single sessions while the weather is still manageable.

5 Reports

- August 2021 Parks and Recreation Report – no comments
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6 New Business

- Hurricane Ida affected our park system specifically extensive fence damage along Kulp wading pool, Kulp baseball outfield, Lenape Dog Park, and along the bike/walk path at Spruce Street. Fence contractors have been out to look at and quote damage repair but due to being busy, short staffed, and supply chain issues have delayed the repair process. Other park damage includes mulching at Kulp playground and Spruce Street tot lot and bike path erosion at the Constitution Ave and Walnut Street entrance. Public Works have addressed and repaired those damages.
- Pennridge Little League swing repair which was budgeted for this year has hit a standstill. While in the process of meeting with representatives to replace the broken swings it has been made aware that the swings cannot be replaced in their current location due to the incline of the hill. Any equipment would need to be moved to another location to face extensive ground work to level the area.
- 8th Street Freight Station sketch for informal recreation area to be used by community throughout the year. Includes flexible space for rentals, events, programming and bring something to this area of town for the community. The sketch is still in the early stages and was on Perkasio Borough Council agenda for 10/4/2021.
- Pool Manager position for 2022 is currently still open. Job description and interview questions have been created and updated. Next step is to begin advertising for the position and by asking for salary expectation allows for budgeting properly for 2022.
- Upcoming Tree Lighting is scheduled for 12/4/2021 from 5-7pm. Santa run is set for the Friday before, 12/3/2021. This event is handled primarily by Linda Reid. Based off Fall Fest attendance the event is estimated to be highly attended as well.

7 Other Business and Discussion – Dave asked about the status of the damaged Covered Bridge and Lauren explained that the bridge was addressed for safety, a fence is planning to be installed around the bridge as additional safety measures, and it is being assessed in terms of damage and possible moving.

8 Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm. Motioned by Lauren, seconded by Lisa, all in favor.

Next Meeting: November 16, 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.”

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Lauren Moll
Secretary, Perkasio Borough Parks & Recreation Board