

Minutes

Village of Perry Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 3, 2025

6:30pm

Lee Lydic Park

Attendance: Ashley Hacking, Mike Glover, Lee Glover Pam Jenkins, Barb Howley, Solicitor James O'Leary, Mayor James Gessic

Call to order: 6:30pm

1 Old Business

- A Community Garden Update – Garden completely out. “Garden members only” signs created to show limited access to garden and not open to the general public.
- B Meadow Update – Pam brought a color guide for stain for the meadow arbor, dog park shelter, benches and picnic table. Ashley made the motion to go with ST-131 Pewter. Second by Barb. Yes votes=5, no=0 to make this recommendation to Council. Pam will try to find someone to make benches for the meadow. Pam suggested to try to divide the meadow up into zones and get volunteers to maintain their zones. Mr O'Leary suggested expectations for said volunteers be created defining expectations. Pam said she and Barb would do this and bring to next parks meeting.
- C Review Parks & Rec Committee Mission Statement for changes – Ashley had passed out mission statements at the last meeting and asked we bring feedback to this meeting. Some change suggestions were made and Ashley will bring an updated mission statement to the next meeting incorporating those changes.
- D Review for Approval - Summer Fun Day Plans (July 20, 1:00pm-4:00pm) – No plans were submitted for Summer Fun Day event. We were unable to find any volunteer to head up the event. Lee made the motion to cancel the event. Second by Pam. Yes=Pam, Lee, Mike. No=Ashley. Abstain=Barb. Event cancelled.

2 New Business

- A How To Plant a Pollinator Garden In Your Yard Event Wrap-up – 16 attendees. Pam said the event went well. Had a discussion as well as a walk thru the meadow.
- B Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening and You: Sept 14th – Need to have plan for event submitted by next Parks & Rec meeting. Pam will provide a flyer/description of event and present it at the August parks meeting.
- C Newsletter – Pam said she would draft a submission for the township newsletter.
- D Water faucet clean-up – Lee suggested we fix up the area around the water fountain as it is always muddy. She suggested we place landscaping blocks and gravel below the water faucet to resolve. She also brought up the area around the two trees by the stage wondering

if we could install a plastic border and backfill with mulch. This would have to be a recommendation to Council. Lee made a motion to recommend to Council that landscaping blocks and gravel placed below the water faucet to resolve the mud issue as well as the clean-up under the trees by the stage. Second=Pam. Yes votes=5, no=0 to make this recommendation to Council. (Barb had to leave after this vote)

E Pam asked if she can put info signs in the meadow. All voted yes.

3 Clean up "Wish List"

A 'Wish List' for Park 2025 – Parks Committee suggestions for park improvement.

1. Paint & straighten sign posts – Mayor Gessic said the road dept has new sign posts and will have the road crew replace them as necessary. He will also look into installing a stop sign at the end of the loop.
2. Paint bigger "one way" arrows on road with better paint – Committee suggests one large arrow instead of two small arrows be painted on the road to replace current.
3. Spread top soil & plant grass seed on old Port-A-Pot ruts – Mayor Gessic will have the road crew do this.
4. Phragmite removal – Keep on list
5. Dead tree removal – Remove from list
6. Remove oak branch growing thru by arborvitaes at entrance of the – Keep on list
7. Mow, trim up and spread mulch/chipped wood (donated?) on both path thru woods – Remove from list due to possible bike path in the future
8. Dog Park - trim grass along fence line & treat with weed killer. Paint shelter, picnic table, benches. Paint or replace mailbox with dog bags or remove – Remove from list
9. Clean up rocks by stairs at stage and plant something that will grow in the beds – Remove from list/complete
10. Paint posts and railing on stage – Update to "Paint posts and railing on pavilion, stage and port-o-potty surround in 2026"
11. Evaluate pavilion roof and gutters for 2026 (added)

Mike made the motion to approve the Wish List (renamed "Recommendation List") as amended. Second by Ashley. Yes=4. No=0.

4 Next Meeting: August 12, 2025 @ 6:00 at Lee Lydic Park

5 Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn by Mike. Second by Pam. Yes=4, No=0.