

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2007**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer
Nickole Collins
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Randy Walck
J. Robert Hunsicker
Dr. Robert Romancheck
Joe Gura
Phil Ivins
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Morning Call
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Facilities Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hendricks gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Mr. Joe Rossi of 510 Jefferson Drive who thought the access road in the Eastern Equities development was a safety hazard.

Mr. Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present and thanked Councilmembers and Borough staff for attending the skatepark meeting on July 23. He encouraged Council to re-open the skatepark since it has been closed for a couple months.

Present was Perkasie resident Randy Walck of 600 Jefferson Drive. Mr. Walck also had problems such as motorcycles, bikers, walkers, kids hanging out at the emergency access road at the Eastern Equities development. He stated the road is not used for what it was intended to be—an emergency access road.

Perkasie resident J. Robert Hunsicker of 1115 Old Post Road was present. Mr. Hunsicker stated that if and when ground is broken for a Band Shell, he and his wife agreed to give \$1,000 towards its cost, and another person said he would add \$5,000 if that was done. He hoped Council would consider this project while land is available. He asked Council to consider putting a band shell in Lenape Park to accommodate the needs of the individuals either participating or watching the events.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2007.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for July 2007.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for July 2007.

Perkasie Aquatic Center

The Committee reviewed two incident reports at the newly renovated Menlo Pool involving a neck injury and a threat to an employee.

Discuss Costs to Repair Second Street Pool

The Committee reviewed a price quote from Deep Run Aquatic Services, Inc. for repairs to the Second Street baby pool in Kulp Park in the amount of \$19,000. Mr. Boyer stated that the pool gets used very heavily by local daycare centers and would like to see it fixed. Since the Perkasie Lions Club had originally built the pool, it was suggested they be contacted to see if the members would be interested in a donation. Councilman Ray Conville stated he would approach the Lions Club since he is a member.

Review Ordinance #919, Lippincott Request for Rezoning

After reviewing the zoning amendment ordinance, the Committee agreed to hold a public hearing for public comment on August 20 for the request to rezone two parcels on Tunnel Road from I2-R1B. The ordinance would be considered later during the Council meeting on August 20.

Requests for Handicapped Parking

The Committee reviewed a request and recommendation for two handicapped parking spaces, one at 14 South 8th Street and another at 39 South 4th Street. A resolution will be prepared and placed on the August 20 Council meeting agenda.

Amendments to Trash Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Public Facilities Director to amend the waste disposal ordinance in order to comply with Act 101 of the Department of Environmental Protection. The Committee agreed with the recommendations. An ordinance will be prepared for adoption at the August 20 Council meeting.

Waiver of Fees Request Pennridge Little League

The Committee reviewed a request from the Pennridge Little League to waive the permit fees associated with construction of a new multi-purpose building at the League's major complex. Along with that request, the Little League also asked the Borough Public Works Department to help demolish an old shed on the property. The Committee agreed with both requests with the stipulation that if the Little League would ever move out of the property, the new building would belong to the Borough since it is on Borough property. The matter will be placed on the August 20 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Request from Trinity Church to Place Flags on Poles

The Committee reviewed a request from Trinity Lutheran Church to install 4 flags and mounting brackets in the area of Fifth and Chestnut Streets for the Corner Stone Celebration in late September. Mr. Ivins explained that a fee would be charged for this task as other churches have been charged.

Other Business

Councilman Delaney brought up the issue of a letter from the Perkasie Olde Towne Association (POTA) requesting spotlights on poles in the downtown area to illuminate the Perkasie Olde Towne Under the Stars Car Show August 18. After much discussion, the Committee agreed the Borough would provide the requested lighting. The Borough Manager was asked to send a letter to POTA stating that the Borough would be able to accommodate their request. It was further asked, in the same letter, any future requests made to the Borough by POTA be done in a timely manner.

Councilman McGonigal gave an update on the skatepark meeting held down at the facility on July 23. He stated there was a good turnout of approximately 20 people which included adults and skateboarders. It was suggested that a new facility be constructed by Borough work crews. Mr. McGonigal presented a sketch plan of what type of facility the group is requesting. He further stated the group would like to establish a "Skate Park Association" with parent volunteers, a board of directors, officers, and by-laws. Mr. McGonigal asked for a consensus to get started with the process of contacting parents and skateboarders to get the project up and running. A cost estimate was requested and would be forthcoming.

Councilman McGonigal approached the subject of the emergency access road in the Eastern Equities Subdivision. Several ideas were suggested including paving the access road and installing a gate. Councilman Walck who lives adjacent to the development asked that neighborhood input should be obtained and return to Council with a recommendation.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for July 2007.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Request for Donation from West Rockhill Township

West Rockhill Township Parks and Recreation Committee requested a contribution to their Community Day in September. The Committee recommended 4 daily admissions to the Perkasio Aquatic Center for 2008. The matter will be placed on the August 20 agenda for Council approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before any of these committees.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Interim Manager Romancheck stated that Borough staff is currently working on a less costly health insurance plan for Borough employees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Romancheck reported that five Councilmembers from Ephrata Borough came to see the Perkasio Aquatic Center and were very impressed with what they saw. He stated Ephrata is considering building a pool complex also.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boyer stated that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary