

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney (arrived 7:35 PM)
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (absent)
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Dan Gilbert
Matt Lynch
Andrea Brody
Joe Gura
Ann Weiss
 News Herald
 Morning Call
 Daily Intelligencer
 Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Public Works Foreman:

Electric Department Foreman:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks convened the meeting at 7:10 PM. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Hope Fisher, new President of Perkasie Olde Towne Association was present to introduce herself. She stated she would like to see the new Council and Perkasie Olde Towne Association work together in the upcoming year.

Jerry Arnaudo, tenant of Perkasie's Menlo house at 501 South 4th Street was present. Mr. Arnaudo explained he has been in the house since May 1986. He described various improvements he has made over the years at no cost to the Borough. He asked that Council reconsider raising his rent \$25 a month.

Present was Steve Redding, from "Happy Tree", of 126 Reller Road, Green Lane. Mr. Redding had concerns about the trees recently cut on Ridge Road near the airport. He stated he was willing to offer his services to maintain the trees that he felt needed treatment.

REPORT FROM PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Hendricks stated that at the last Planning Commission the zoning ordinance and Lippincott subdivision and rezoning were discussed.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

January 2008.

Other Business

None at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for January 2008.

Perkasie Olde Towne Hot Ribs Cool Jazz (Olde Towne Day)

The Committee reviewed the plan for the Perkasie Olde Towne Association to hold its annual Hot Ribs Cool Jazz event on May 17, 2008. It was agreed to put the matter on the Council agenda for February 18.

Perkasie Fire Police Assistance to Plumstead Fire Company

The Committee reviewed a request from the Plumsteadville Fire Company for fire police assistance for a 5K race on April 5, 2008. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the Council agenda for February 18.

Performance Grant Contract

Manager Olpere reviewed a 2007 Recycling Services Contract proposal from F.X. Browne, Inc. to prepare the Borough's Act 101 Recycling report requirements. The Committee reviewed the contract and agreed to place its approval on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for January 2008.

Preliminary/Final Approval Glen Enterprises

Attorney Todd Savarese and Boris Tatunchak the owner of the property were in attendance. Attorney Savarese outlined the six requested waivers which were recommended for approval by the Perkasie Planning Commission. The Committee reviewed a resolution granting preliminary/final approval of the Glen Enterprise subdivision and agreed to place it on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Lippincott Rezoning Revision

Manager Olpere reviewed a previous memo regarding the rezoning ordinance for the Lippincott property on Ridge Road. He stated ordinance #919, adopted August 20, 2007 was inaccurate in the description of the property. He further stated a new ordinance should be adopted to rectify the incorrect description. The Committee reviewed the ordinance and agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

Mrs. Burke questioned the status of the Herzstein property on Ridge Avenue. After a brief review of the situation, the solicitor was authorized to file a motion to expedite the case before the Common Pleas Court.

Mr. Hendricks asked that Council re-examine the blocking of the roadway at the skatepark down in Lenape Park.

The Borough Manager referenced the on-going amendment to the Perkasio Borough Zoning Ordinance being done by Bucks County Planning Commission. He stated the project had been side-tracked due to the fact that there were not enough hours in a month contracted by Perkasio Borough to the Bucks County Planning Commission. He stated the only way to get the ordinance completed would be to move forward as if it were a separate project. It was the consensus of Committee members to authorize the Bucks County Planning Commission to perform the additional work at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Expectations (Staff and Council)

Due to the absence of Chairman Maria Slowik, this matter was tabled until the March Committee meeting.

Code of Conduct

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Staff Vacancies

The Committee reviewed a detailed staffing plan prepared by the Borough Manager. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of Councilmembers that an Assistant Manager should be hired who would also take on the job duties of the Planning and Zoning Director. Committee members also recommended that the foremen of the Public Works and Electric Departments should be considered for promotion to Director and Superintendent for their respective departments.

General Code-On-Line

The Committee reviewed a price quote from General Code Publishers to provide a link on the Borough's website for electronic access to the Borough's Code Book. It was the consensus of the Committee to wait until the website is up and functional before agreeing to approve this matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rent Increase Menlo House Tenant

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding a rent increase for the tenant house located at 501 S. 4th Street near the pool. The Committee reviewed a list of improvements made by the tenant over the past couple years at no cost to the Borough. It was agreed that since there was no lease between the tenant, Jerry Arnaudo and the Borough, that the solicitor should prepare one for Council approval.

Committee members also discussed what the value of the property is, what its long term use is and what is in the best interest of the Borough as far as keeping the property as a rental unit. It was suggested that Council re-look at the property in a year after the expiration of the lease agreement.

Borough Hall Rental Space

The Committee reviewed a memo prepared by the Borough Manager regarding the Borough Hall rental space. The Manager was asked to prepare a request for proposal, for approval by Council, to send out to local realtors/brokers to solicit bids for brokerage services.

Pool Fees (Rental and Second Street)

The Committee reviewed a memo from Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody regarding fees for the 2nd Street pool construction as well as fees and suggestions. The Committee concurred with the suggestions and agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Approval of Main Street Mile Run

The Committee reviewed a request from Tricia Croyle to hold "The Second Annual Main Street Mile" fun run to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation on June 7, 2008. It was agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Approval of MS Society Walk

Committee members reviewed a letter from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society requesting permission to hold a "Walk MS 2008 event" on April 27, 2008 using the skatepark pavilion. Committee members agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Request for 5K Fundraising Event-Joseph Fenerty

The Committee reviewed a request from Joseph Fenerty who asked to conduct a 5K fundraiser event on March 30, 2008 from 1-3 PM in Lenape Park. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Request to Use Lenape Park for Pennridge Community Day

The Committee received a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. to use Lenape Park for its annual event July 6, 2008 with a raindate of July 13, 2008. It was agreed to place the matter on the Council February 18 agenda for approval.

Select Representative to Pennridge Community Day

Pennridge Community Day Inc. submitted a request from Perkasio asking if anyone would like to participate on the Community Day Committee. Councilmembers were asked to notify the Borough Manager if they would have an interest in serving as a volunteer.

Park Restroom-Opening Winter Hours

Committee members reviewed a resolution amending the current hours the park restroom would be opened during the week. The Committee agreed to place the resolution on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Pennridge Little League

The Committee reviewed a new lease for the Pennridge Little League to use the field in Lenape Park. A copy of the lease would be forwarded to Pennridge Little League for their approval. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

Pool Options and Bathhouse Plans

Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody reviewed plans to upgrade the bathhouse at the Menlo Pool Aquatic Center. After Committee members reviewed the suggested upgrades, they agreed to proceed with the recommended improvements and to obtain sketch plans from the architect who originally designed the new pool.

Second Street Pool

The Committee reviewed price quotes for repairs to the 2nd Street baby pool. Since the three quotes were not comparative, it was recommended that a fourth quote be obtained. The Parks and Recreation Director suggested charging a fee of \$1.00 per child unless they are a member of the Menlo Aquatic Center, then there would be no fee. The Committee concurred with the recommendation and agreed to place the matter on the February 18 Council meeting agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Joe Gura announced that Patia Schaefer, the Police Department Secretary would be retiring on March 5, 2008 after 39 years of service.

Jim Purcell asked if a traffic study could be performed at the intersection of Callowhill and Branch Road. He felt the intersection needed to have a 4-way stop sign. The Borough Manager was directed to write a letter to PennDOT requesting them to conduct a traffic study at this intersection.

PUBLIC FORUM

The floor was opened for additional public comments which there were none.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary