

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2009**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman  
Eadie Burke  
Ray Conville  
Bill Delaney (absent)  
Richard Hendricks  
Harry McGonigal  
Chris Nicolosi  
Jim Purcell  
Maria Slowik

Mayor:

J. Robert Hunsicker (absent)

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Borough Engineer:

Amy Montgomery

Press Representatives:

News Herald  
Bucks County Herald

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None at this time.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Rich Hendricks, also Chairman of the Perkasie Planning Commission, reported that the commissioners reviewed the zoning ordinance rewrite.

**PRESENTATION BY APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB**

Jennifer Heisey of the Appalachian Mountain Club made a PowerPoint presentation on the club's efforts to expand walking and hiking trails throughout Pennsylvania. She asked Council to consider adopting a resolution supporting the Highlands Conservation Act and Protection of the Highlands Region in Pennsylvania.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for February 2009.

### 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 February 2009.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Approval of 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Perkasié Main Street Mile

The Committee reviewed a letter from Tricia Croyle representing the “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Perk’s Main Street Mile” to hold a run/walk event on June 13, 2009. This event is to benefit Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation which raises money for childhood cancer. Committee members concurred with the request and placed the matter on the March 16 Council meeting agenda.

### Approval of Pennridge Community Day

Committee members reviewed a letter from the 2009 Pennridge Community Day Committee requesting permission to use Lenape Park for the July 5, 2009 event, with a raindate of July 12, 2009. The Committee agreed to put the event on the March 16 Council meeting agenda for approval.

### Approve Healthy Hearts Foundation 5K Run

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Healthy Hearts Foundation requesting permission to use Lenape Park for their annual 5K and fitness walk on June 7, 2009. The Committee agreed to recommend to Borough Council approval of the event and placed the matter on the March 16 agenda.

### Approval of “Walk for Fitness” during Fall Festival-October 4, 2009

Committee members reviewed a letter from the Liberty Bell Wanderers requesting permission to hold a walk through Perkasié during Perkasié’s Fall Festival October 4, 2009 in Menlo Park. Committee members agreed with the request and placed the matter on the March 16 Council meeting agenda.

## Skate Park Resolution

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommended by the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board to slowly close the skatepark as materials deteriorate. They agreed a committee should be appointed to explore alternatives including a new location and configuration. Extensive discussion occurred with some Councilmembers expressing that they were in opposition to closing the park. Councilmember McGonigal expressed his opposition and left the meeting amid discussion.

It was agreed to consider appointing a "Skate Park" Committee with Councilmembers Jim Purcell, Chris Nicolosi and youth delegate Tim Eichlin serving from Council. It was recommended that the Perkasio Parks and Recreation Board appoint two of its members. Also three members of the community including youths who use the park would be considered making a total of 7 "Skate Park Committee" members.

The Committee did agree to put the resolution on the March 16 Council meeting agenda without a recommendation.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for February 2009.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### ATV Ordinance Discussion

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding all terrain vehicle usage near Jefferson Drive and the Hillside Estates development. Items discussed included noise, dirt, unlicensed vehicles, property size, and exceptions such as using ATV's for snow removal or lawn mowing. The Committee agreed to table the matter pending additional information from the Borough Manager and Solicitor.

### Extend PBA Articles of Incorporation

Committee members discussed Perkasio Borough Authority's request to amend their Articles of Incorporation to extend the life of the Authority. The Committee concurred with the request. The Solicitor stated that since that had to be approved by ordinance, she recommended tabling the matter until April to meet advertising requirements.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Donation to Pennridge Community Day Inc.

The Committee received a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. for a financial contribution. Committee members agreed to forward to Borough Council a recommendation of \$500.00 to be contributed to the event since it was an annual budgeted expense. The matter will be placed on the March 16 Council agenda.

### Other Business

None at this time.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### Other Business

Chris Nicolosi updated Council on the business and activities of the Perkasio Olde Towne Association.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rich Hendricks commended Borough staff on keeping the website up-to-date.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Randy Walck of 600 Jefferson Drive. He thanked Council for taking the time to discuss ATV intrusion in his development. He also noted that the emergency access easement in his development had not been plowed since the heavy morning snowstorm. Emergency vehicles would not have been able to access the development if the main entrance to the development had been blocked.

Travis Coleman of 212 Wyckford Drive was present to talk about the skatepark since he uses the park frequently. He suggested instead of wasting money on the plywood, which does not last, that concrete should be used since it would be more durable.

Present was Tom Bancroft of 311 W. Market Street who was present representing himself and not as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board. He thought it was a good idea to have a Skatepark Committee and he was glad that Borough Council was supporting it. He would like to see the Borough raise money and seeks out grants to fund this project.

Present was Betty Jarrett of 601 North Ridge Road who commended the Borough on the good snow plowing job it had done on the earlier morning snow storm.

## **PRESS FORUM**

Questions from the press were received and answered.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Rich Hendricks announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and would not reopen the meeting thereafter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary