

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Martin Gahman
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi (absent)
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (absent)
Joe Gilbert
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere (absent)
Andrea Coaxum (absent)
Joe Berardi
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Newly Appointed Perkasie Borough Council President Matt Aigeldinger convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Bancroft, President of the DOG Group, stated he was present at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the Dog Park Lease agreement agenda item later in the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Appoint Park and Recreation Committee Chair

President Aigeldinger appointed Councilperson Flo Frei as the new Chairperson and liaison for the Park and Recreation Board replacing Chris Nicolosi.

President's Goals

President Aigeldinger thanked Marty Gahman for serving as previous Council President. He then outlined his 7 goals for Council as follows:

1. *The borough will play a significant coordinating role in developing a town center and fostering aggressive economic development.*
2. *The borough will take strong, creative measures to prevent crime*
3. *The borough will expand committees to include more citizen involvement including utilities and parks*
4. *The borough will continue to preserve, enhance and develop our park system*

5. *The borough will develop and reward lean initiatives without compromising services and establish a forward-looking economic plan.*
6. *The borough will develop programs to enhance the quality of life for all citizens.*
7. *The borough will be a fair and responsible employer.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council meeting minutes of March 21, 2011 were tabled for approval at the May 16, 2011 meeting.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved the Special Public Works Committee meeting minutes as amended for March 30, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion Purcell, seconded by Kratz, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for March 2011.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Gahman, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for March 2011.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No recent meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Request for Fire Police Assistance Trumbauersville Borough

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Gahman, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Fire Police to assist the Trumbauersville Fire Company with its Carnival on July 21, 22, 23, and 28, 29, and 30.

8th Street Reconstruction

This matter was tabled pending opinions from the Perkasio Planning Commission, Perkasio Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, and Manager of the Perkasio Borough Authority.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from "MOMS" Club of Harleysville

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Kratz, Council unanimously approved donating 4 daily Menlo Aquatic Center guest passes for the 2011 pool season to the "MOMS" Club of Harleysville for a charity raffle.

Guth Elementary Request for Family Fun Night

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved donating 6 daily Menlo Aquatic Center guest passes for the 2011 pool season to the Guth Elementary Family Fun Night.

Request from St. Stephen's UCC

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved donating 6 daily Menlo Aquatic Center guest passes for the 2011 pool season to St. Stephens UCC Church fundraising event.

Dog Park Lease Agreement Amendment

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved a request from the DOG Owners Group to amend the DOG Park Lease Agreement to decrease the amount of liability insurance from \$1.0 million to \$500,000.

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a second amendment to the Dog Park Lease Agreement that would require the Borough to reimburse the Dog Owners Group in a pro-rata fashion for the cost of installing the fence and the other amenities at the dog park should the Borough Council choose to cancel the current lease with the D.O.G. within the first 5 years of operation.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Emergency Management Plan Re-Approval for 2011

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the 2011 amended Perkasio Borough Emergency Management Plan. Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Reichman was present to answer questions from Councilmembers.

Resolution #2011-6, Revise Fee Schedule-Copy Fees

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-6 which would amend the Perkasio Fee Schedule to include additional costs for copy fees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Gahman, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Awards

Councilmembers agreed to award 3 Perkasie Pride Awards for 2011. The award recognizes up to five properties in the Borough that have significantly contributed to beautifying the town.

After voting on the 4 applicants nominated, the Perkasie Pride Awards were awarded to:

Jeffrey & Eileen Landis, 1006 Arch Street
Matthew & Cheryl Lynch, 503 Race Street
Rich & Debbie Law, 501 Race Street.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business to come before Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Bancroft, member of the Park and Recreation Board and speaking on their behalf, thanked Councilperson Flo Frei for accepting the position of Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Board. He stated he looked forward to working with her.

Mr. Bancroft also thanked Council for amending the DOG park lease.

PRESS FORUM

No questions were received from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary