

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2012**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Stephen Algeo

Florence Frei

Barbara Krantz

Suzanne Kravitz

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Justin Stottlar

Youth Councilor:

Amanda Brooks (absent)

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum (absent)

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Park and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

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

President Matt Aigeldinger announced at the meeting that Police Chief Gura would be conducting his own thorough, independent review of the Perkasie police shooting incident on June 9, 2012. Mr. Aigeldinger stated the borough had to wait for the District Attorney's ruling before it could begin its own investigation. He further stated that the borough's police officers continue to be highly trained and adequately prepared to be at their best in the line of duty.

Borough Solicitor Nate Fox reviewed the Public Forum policy with the audience.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

David Cook of 24 Country Road, Perkasie spoke on behalf of friends and family for Michael Marino, the shooting victim of the incident on June 9, 2012. He suggested the borough use an outside investigator to do an independent review of the incident instead of its own Police Chief. He further asked whether the police department was trained to negotiate with those with mental illness.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Manager Olpere reported that the Perkasio Planning Commission will hold its first meeting on August 8, 2012 to review a new Comprehensive Plan to be prepared by the Bucks County Planning Commission.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for July 2012.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for July 2012.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for July 2012.

### Introduce Revised Updated Zoning Ordinance

Manager Olpere explained that during the past 10 years the Perkasio Planning Commission began its review of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance in order to reclassify and recategorize items so that the ordinance is laid out in a more consistent and easy to read format.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Approve Perkasio Olde Towne Association Under the Stars Car Show Request

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Olde Towne Association Under The Stars Car Show August 18, 2012 from 3:00 PM to 9:30 PM with a raindate of Sunday, August 19, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

### Discuss Skate Park Move

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Algeo, Council considered moving the skate park pieces into the fenced in area using resources of the Skate Park Committee in planning the moving of the pieces. This should happen as soon as possible and the park should remain unlocked. Councilmembers Aigeldinger, Purcell, Frei, Krantz, Kravitz, and Algeo voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Pizzollo, Ryder and Stottlar voted against it. By a 6-3 vote, the motion was approved and the skatepark will be moved back into the fenced in area.

### Other Business

It was announced that Milly Bischoff, elder delegate of the Park and Recreation Board has resigned her position of July 31, 2012.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

### Request for Fire Police Assistance for Dublin Borough's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Perkasio fire police personnel to assist Dublin Borough with their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary September 7, 8, and 9, 2012.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

There was no business to come before the Finance Committee.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Barbara Krantz announced the meeting of the Perkasio Olde Towne Association scheduled for the morning was cancelled.

## **CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Jim Ryder reported that he appreciated the people that came to the meeting. The Committee touched on a lot of topics including the Electric Company, Zoning issues, Electric Company Security Deposit, and Town Watch. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2012.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman Stottlar congratulated Andrew Rumbold for becoming Constable in Ward 2.

It was noted that there was a "Thumbs Up" printed in the Penny Power flyer referring to Public Works employee John Creidler for offering assistance to an older lady walking back from the Giant Supermarket.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut had questions regarding the skate park issue on the agenda at the meeting earlier.

Rebecca Militec of 254 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street stated she was at the meeting tonight to support the family of Michael Marino. She stated the community has concerns about the police department's reputation.

Edie Weinstein, of Bedminster who is a licensed social worker said she had read the police report on the recent shooting and asked if the police officer's are trained to deal with mental illness. She offered to be a contact person to assist if needed.

## **PRESS FORUM**

No questions from the press.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary