

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 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 (absent)

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street was present and stated she attended a recent Perkasie Olde Towne Association meeting. She stated POTA discussed hiring a Main Street Man for the Association. Ms. Green stated the Perkasie Borough Manager or Assistant Manager should be able to cover these meeting.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Perkasie Borough Council and Planning Commission hosted a kick-off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan. Staff of the Bucks County Planning Commission who serve as the consultants for the project, led the discussion.

The next meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be a workshop on September 12, 2012 at the second meeting the BCPC staff will review the results of the kick off meeting and develop an agenda for the Community Meeting sometime in October.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Bike Trail Walnut Street Bridge

County Public Works Director Joe Bush was present to discuss the reconstruction of the Walnut Street Bridge. He stated the county wants to relocate a small section of the bike path to accommodate widening of the bridge as well as close a portion of the bike trail during construction for safety reasons. Joe Bush stated it would impossible to do the project without closing the bike path for at least 24 months. Councilman Purcell stated that Council was in favor or working with the county to do this work. He asked the county what it needed from the Borough. The county said a letter from the Borough supporting the project.

Trash Bag Bid Award

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously agreed to accept the bid of Franklin Plastics for \$3,600 for 100 cases or 30,000 small trash bags as the lowest responsible bid, and reject the lowest actual bid from INTERBORO Packaging since their bags did not meet the minimum thickness of 3mils.

PLUMSTEAD Township Request for Fire Police Personnel

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously agreed to allow the Perkasio Fire Police to assist Plumstead Township with traffic duties during the Thompson Bucks County Classic Bicycle Race on September 15, 2012.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Discuss Zoning Amendment Request-5th & Blooming Glen Road (Kratz Properties)

Present was Attorney Michael Kracht representing Dunkin Donut franchise that wants to construct a new building on the 2 vacant lots by the Kratz Family at the corner of 5th and Blooming Glen Road. The land is currently zone C1, Commercial, which is for planned commercial development. Stand alone retail stores are not permitted in C1- The applicant would like to judge Council's interest in either changing the zoning or amending the requirements to allow this type of retail store. No further action was taken on this matter.

Consider Revised and Updated Zoning Ordinance

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager

to advertise for a public hearing on the revised and updated Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Green Ridge Estates-Final Subdivision Plan

Curt Weist of Green Ridge Estates, a five lot subdivision off Ridge Road near Market Street was present requesting final approval. They have met their conditions of preliminary approval. Mr. Weist gave a brief overview of the plan. This matter will be placed on the September 20, 2012 Council agenda for approval.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Parks and Recreation Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Reappointment of Youth Borough Councilor

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously reappointed Amanda Brooks through the end of the school year in 2013 as Youth Councilor for the Perkasio Borough Council.

Announce Vacancy for Youth Park and Recreation Board Member

It was announced that the Perkasio Borough Parks and Recreation Board are seeking any interested Perkasio Borough high school student age 15 or over to serve as Youth Delegate for a three year terms on the Parks and Recreation Board.

E-Newsletter

The Committee reviewed a memo regarding the unveiling of a new on-line-e-newsletter that the Borough is proposing to help publicize events and activities throughout the Borough.

Other Business

Barbara Krantz stated it was time to perform the evaluation of the Borough Manager. She put the blank evaluation form in an envelope and passed it out to Councilmembers. She has that everybody fill out the form and return it to her by the next meeting. She said she would summarize the results and then give them to President Aigeldinger.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Grant for Truck Scales

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the grant application to be submitted by the Perkasio Borough Police Department for a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Grant that targets highway safety through enforcement of regulation in the truck industry. The application is for \$30,000 grant with a 20% match of \$6,000 to purchase portable trucks scales.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consider 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with the County of Bucks for a \$100,000 grant for construction of approximately 40 PennDOT ADA compliant handicapped curb ramps, and to further

authorize the Council President to sign the agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Krantz stated that she did not respond to Justin Stottlar's email message regarding a litigation matter and that it would be in violation of the Sunshine Law. Matt Aigeldinger as well as the rest of the Councilmembers stated that they all did not respond to that e-mail sent by Councilman Stottlar.

Justin Stottlar brought up the subject of revitalizing some type of DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program using the police department.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lane Schultz of 113 North 7th Street spoke and asked questions on behalf of a group of skateboarders regarding the status of moving the skatepark

Cameron Sadler of 1101 Park Avenue asked if it was necessary to move the skatepark back into the gated area. He and others would like to see it kept as is.

Tim Myers 66 Fairview Avenue asked Council why it would consider reappointing the current youth delegate since she has not been to many recent meetings. He thought another student might like the opportunity to apply.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary