

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo (absent)
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz (absent)
Suzanne Kravitz
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Jim Ryder
Justin Stottlar
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Steve Hillias
Joe Berardi
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone (absent)
Josh Aniskevich
Nathan Fox
Joe Nolan
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Interim Police Chief:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Park and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Solicitor Fox reviewed the Perkasie Borough Council meeting policy regarding public forum comments that appear on the back of Council agendas.

Rebecca Militec of 254 North 4th Street spoke in opposition to former Police Chief Joe Gura's retirement/separation agreement stating he was overpaid according to the terms of the contract.

Roger Styles, tenant of the Perkasie Railroad Station on North 7th Street, that is owned by SEPTA, addressed Council with a problem regarding the sidewalk in front of his property. He stated the sidewalk is lifting due to the expansion of the tree roots from trees that were planted by Borough many years ago. He felt the burden of the repairing the sidewalk should be the responsibility of the Borough.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

No current meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for March 2013.

Sump Pump Discharge Ordinance

Committee members reviewed an opinion letter from the Bucks County Planning Commission regarding a proposed stormwater ordinance change regarding sump pumps. Committee members agreed the Borough should look at each situation on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the Borough's storm sewer system would have adequate capacity to handle discharge from the number of sumps pumps that could become connected to it. The Borough engineer was asked to prepare a proposed application process for property owners and bring the matter back to Council at the May committees meeting.

Crosswalk from Stonycrest to Bike Path Crossing Walnut Street

Manager Olpere brought up a request from a Stonycrest development resident regarding the installation of a crosswalk at the end of the Stonycrest Drive and crossing East Walnut Street to access Borough owned park land on the opposite side of the road. The Borough engineer Joe Nolan stated that since this is a PennDOT road, the crosswalk would need to meet current standards for the American's with Disabilities Act and that a Highway Occupancy Permit would be required to install any such crosswalk in the PennDOT right of way. Mr. Nolan estimated that the total cost for this project would total approximately \$8,100. The Borough Manager was directed to send a letter to PennDOT requesting physical or financial assistance in installing the crosswalk and appropriate handicapped ramps. It was also suggested a copy a letter be sent to Senator Mcillinney and Representative Paul Clymer requesting their assistance in this matter.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for March 2013.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for March 2013.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Soap Box Derby Event Permit Application

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously granted permission to the Indian Valley Soap Box Association to hold a rally on 9th Street in Perkasio on May 18, 2013 from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM and October 12 and 13, 2013 from 6:00AM to 5:00PM. Permission to close 9th Street near the police station is also approved.

Event Permit Application-Wedding Ceremony at Carrousel

The Committee reviewed an Event Permit Application to hold a wedding ceremony at the Perkasio Historical Society's carrousel in Menlo Park on September 14, 2013 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. The Historical Society has approved this request. Council approval is required since the event will have approximately 100 people attending. This request will be placed on the April 15 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Good Time Motorvators Car Show

The Committee reviewed a request from the Good Time Motorvators Car Club requesting permission to hold their annual Car Show on May 26, 2013 at the Skate Park Pavilion in Lenape Park on May 26, 2013. It was agreed to place this request on the April 15 Council agenda for approval.

Annual Perk's Main Street Mile Event

The Committee reviewed an Event Permit Application for the annual Perk's Main Street Mile event to be held on June 8, 2013 from 9:00 to 10:15 AM to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Council approval is required since the event involves an estimated 250-300 attendees. The matter will be placed on the April 15 Council meeting agenda.

Event Permit Application-Healthy Hearts Foundation

The Committee reviewed an Event Permit Application from the Healthy Hearts Foundation to hold their annual Heart to Heart Race 5K race, Fitness Walk and Kids Fun Run on Sunday, September 22, 2013 in Lake Lenape Park from 2:00PM to 6:00PM. They are also asking to reserve the Lake Lenape area for set up at 9:00 AM and clean up through 8:00 PM. Council approval is required due to the large amount of people attending the event. It was agreed to place the matter on the April 15 Council meeting agenda.

Pennridge Little League Batting Cages

President of the Pennridge Little League Joe Suder was present requesting formal permission to install more sturdy permanent batting cages in place of the temporary ones at the Little League field on Walnut Street. It was the consensus of Council to approve the installation of permanent batting cages.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Select Voting Delegates to PSAB Conference

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved Councilmember Krantz as the official voting delegate from Perkasio Borough to the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's convention from May 5-8, 2013. Motion further to appoint Councilmember Frei as the alternate voting delegate.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Justin Stottlar asked Councilmembers to consider passing a resolution for Second Amendment preservation of the Constitution and oppose new gun control legislation. Stottlar read a resolution passed by Gilberton Borough in Schuylkill county stating that the town would oppose any state or federal laws that infringe on the right to bear arms and would enact "any and all measures as may be necessary" to prevent enforcement of laws that would violate the Second Amendment. Other members of Council were supportive of Stottlar's suggestion pointing out that they were strong supporters of the right to bear arms and suggested that the Borough solicitor look over Gilberton's resolution and develop something similar for Perkasio.

PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Rumbold of South 8th Street said a Second Amendment preservation resolution was important not because it carried any legal weight but because it would send a message to the federal government and state authorities that people are concerned about this issue.

Susan Green of 620 East Walnut Street spoke concerning drivers high speeds along West Walnut Street.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Aigeldinger stated there would not be an executive session. However the AFSCME Negotiating Committee would be holding a meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary