

# Community Meeting for Perkasio

## Worksheet Summaries

1. I am a:
 

Resident	9		Not Answered	0
Business Owner	3			
Borough Official	7			
Other	4			
Other:	Resident & Business owner	3		
	All of the above	1		
  
2. How long have you resided/operated a business in Perkasio?
 

0 to 3 years	4	11 - 15 years	7	
4 to 6 years	1	16 - 25 years	4	Not Answered
7 to 10 years	4	More than 25 years	3	0
  
3. Please indicate the location of your home or business.
 

North and West of railroad tracks	3	Not Answered	2
Northeast of Callowhill Street	5		
Between railroad tracks and Perkiomen Creek and west of Callowhill Street	3		
Within Town Center Area/Downtown	7		
Southeast of Perkiomen Creek	4		

## Community Character & Collaboration

1. Which BEST describes your vision for Perkasio's future community character? (Select one)
 

Status Quo	0	'Play and Shop'	7	
Small town character	2	Retail Destination	6	Not Answered
Mixed-use Walkable	6	Other	2	1

Other: Keep small town character with the draw for outside residents, seek state funding to encourage internet businesses to rehabilitate existing structures for warehouse & distribution purposes. (Bring workers who will patronize businesses).
  
2. For preservation purposes, should a historic building be allowed to change use from its original purpose? (e.g., factory building into residential condos, single-family dwelling into retail use.)
 

Yes	20	No	2	Not Answered	1
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If you responded, 'Yes,' would you support incentives for its preservation?

Yes	20	No	2	
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3. Does the type of housing in Perkasio satisfy its current and future needs?
 

Yes	18	No	4	Not Answered	1
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If you responded, 'No,' how could these needs be addressed?

  - Need multi use buildings - lower business/upper living/office
  - Need more apartments/condos for young new folks
  - Possibly more multi-family dwellings or residential opportunities above offices/retail spaces

4. Is the current condition/maintenance of Perkasio's housing stock satisfactory?  
 Yes 17 No 4 Not Answered 2
5. Should there be more emphasis on the promotion of the Downtown/Town Center Area?  
 Yes 19 No 2 Not Answered 2

If you responded 'Yes,' what type of activities should be included? (Select all that apply):

Marketing	13
Branding	10
Increase the number of local civic events	12
Promotion of the Downtown/Town Center	4
Other	3

Other: Signage, Bring in events like Senior Expo, Business Expo, Fireman's Convention, Training Seminars, But there needs to be something to advertise first, Develop business community first.

6. Should the boundaries of the Downtown/Town Center area be identified through gateway signage at key points along major roadways?  
 Yes 15 No 6 Not Answered 2
7. Should there be more signage to direct motorists to available parking lots/parking spaces with in the Downtown/Town Center area?  
 Yes 17 No 4 Not Answered 2
8. Should the Borough cooperate with surrounding municipalities for planning, cost sharing, and cooperative agreements to save money if feasible?  
 Yes 18 No 1 Not Answered 4
9. In order promote greater collaboration/cooperation for businesses, residents, and borough officials, which actions are appropriate (Select all that apply):  
 Establish a common goal or vision 16  
 Appoint liaisons for communicating between groups 15  
 Foster volunteerism and stewardship 13  
 Other 1

Other: Let people know with one month notice about important meetings

## Economic Development & Revitalization

1. For vacant or underutilized lands within the nonresidential zoned areas of the borough, would you rather see (Rank from 1 to 3, with 1 being your top priority):

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	
Commercial/Shopping	10	3	1	
Office	4	5	3	Not Answered 2
Industrial/Manufacturing	4	1	5	
Other	2	1	0	

Other: Leave it alone  
 Entertainment  
 open space

2. Please rank the following retail businesses as most needed in the Borough (Rank the 5 most needed businesses from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most needed):

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Neighborhood retail	1	2	5	4	1
Medium-sized retail	1	2	0	0	1
Large retail	0	0	1	0	1
Boutique shopping	3	5	1	3	1
Restaurant	4	4	2	1	1
Fast food/take out restaurant	0	0	1	1	0
Convenience Store	1	0	1	1	3
Gas Station with/without convenience store	0	0	1	0	1
Entertainment/cultural attraction	6	1	2	2	1
Other	0	1	1	0	1
Not Answered	6				

Other: Ice Cream shop, General Store similar to old 5 & 10 stores. Dollar store would also be good, Outside Market, Coffee shop/Cigar bar/Martini Bar

3. Should the Borough work to create a centrally-located town commons where special events and civic gatherings can take place?

Yes 17 No 4 Not answered 1

4. The restoration of passenger rail service to Perkasio is a possibility. Should greater amounts of mixed use development (e.g. residential uses above retail or offices uses) be encouraged in the Downtown/Town Center area to increase (potential) future ridership while attracting increased patronage of local businesses?

Yes 14 No 4 Unsure 4 Not answered 0

5. How would you rate the quality of new development in the borough?

Excellent 0 Good 6 Fair 6 Poor 7 Don't know 2  
Not answered 1

6. To what degree, if at all, are the following issues a problem in Perkasio?

Rundown buildings

Not a problem 1 Minor problem 12 Moderate problem 9 Major problem 0

Unkempt vacant lots

Not a problem 1 Minor problem 11 Moderate problem 9 Major problem 1  
Not answered 0

7. If asked, would you recommend living/doing business in Perkasio to others?

Very likely 14 Somewhat likely 5 Somewhat unlikely 1 Very unlikely 1  
Not answered 1

8. List the five most important things Perkasio Borough could do to help generate economic development and revitalization in Perkasio. (Select the most important things, ranking them from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important.)

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Provide more off-street parking	2	0	0	1	1
Enhance pedestrian circulation, crosswalks	1	0	2	3	0
Bike paths/bike racks	1	0	0	0	0
Better coordination with borough government	3	1	2	5	1
Beautify streets	1	4	2	1	1
Special events	2	1	1	2	1
Increase police presence	0	1	0	0	0
Enhance communication with business community	2	5	2	0	2
Expand Town Center business district	6	3	1	2	2
Improve infrastructure	0	1	2	1	0
Better licensing and regulatory environment	0	0	2	0	3
Improve signage to borough's attractions	1	0	3	1	2
Traffic calming	1	0	0	1	0
Other	1	1	0	0	0
Not Answered		3			

Other: Get the train running, Lower utilities & taxes

9. If you had \$100 to spend on borough physical improvements, how would you allocate it? (Allot a dollar amount to as few, or as many, improvements as you like, until a total of \$100 is expended. For example, \$100 may be allotted to a single activity, or \$50 to one activity and \$10 to each of five other activities, etc.) **(Note: Dollar amounts shown are based upon the average.)**

Improve roadways	\$22.50	Arts and culture facilities	\$32.69
Improve traffic controls	\$5.00	Recreation facilities	\$12.50
Town commons/public space	\$34.55	Parking	\$30.00
Streetscape beautification	\$24.55	Other	\$2.00
Sidewalks, pedestrian circulation	\$20.56	Other	\$2.00
Stormwater improvements	\$27.50	Not Answered	2

Other: Train/trolley,

A Kiosk at Market & 7th as an information center, Purchase housing necessary to create business-friendly, people-porous, stroll able infrastructure

## Recreation and Connections

1. Should there be stronger pedestrian connections between borough neighborhoods and the Downtown/Town Center area or other points of interest (library, parks, etc.)?  
 Yes 11 No 9 Not answered 2

If yes, where should additional connections be provided?

Trolley, Between downtown & shopping centers (Park Square/Landis/Rite Aid/Glenwood-Giant/CVS, Merlo & Lenape into Old Town 6th Street, Walnut A link to Ridge Rd. - location where appropriate

2. Should there be better connections between the borough and amenities in surrounding Municipalities (e.g., open space or recreation facilities such as Markey Park)?

Yes 14 No 5 Not answered 3

If yes, please specify location:

Trolley & train

Crossing over PA563, cross East Branch of Perkiomen to get to S. Perk.

At High school & 7<sup>th</sup>

Sellersville Theater, Washington House

bike/hike path thru PHS campus; connect Markey to E. Branch path

3. Sidewalks - Are there places where the sidewalk is missing, too narrow, or in poor condition?

Yes 14 No 6 Not answered 2

If yes, where should sidewalks be provided/repaired?

Red bricks along 7th & Market

Walnut St. bridge, sidewalks to South park area

Older Sections

Perkasie has lumpy sidewalks. Its part of the charm.

7th Street by Shelly's Treasure Trove & train station

All over town

Borough sidewalks are generally in very good condition

4. Are there places where safety could be improved for pedestrians, e.g., by providing striping or signage at crosswalks?

Yes 10 No 7 Not answered 5

If yes, where should crosswalks be provided:

5th & Blooming Glen

Post Office

Most Crosswalks

7th & market streets

Walnut/Constitution

Can't think of any

5. Is there a need for traffic calming (speed humps, chicanes, reduced speed limits, etc)?

Yes 9 No 12 Not answered 1

If yes, where should traffic calming be provided?

5th St

Market St 7th to 5<sup>th</sup>

Slowing traffic coming into Boro - Walnut St & 5th are two

Between 5th & 6th on W. Walnut where the parking is diagonal

Market Street from Ridge to 5<sup>th</sup>

Some developments some side streets where the speed limit is 25 mph.

Market Street - going over tracks near courthouse - cars fly over those tracks

Just enforce the speed limits

Can't think of any

6. Are you satisfied with the amount and type of existing recreational facilities in the borough?  
Yes 17 No 4 Not answered 1

If you responded 'No' which facilities should be added?

Bocci Court - continued improvement to parks. More art  
Pool hall, theatre, bowling  
More restaurants open for dinner  
Need more places where kids can go

7. Do you feel the borough is well served by tot lots/playgrounds and neighborhood/pocket parks?  
Yes 20 No 1 Not answered 1

If you responded 'No' where should facilities be added?

A pocket park next to the Trolley Tunnel

8. Are there adequate park and recreational amenities?  
Yes 17 No 3 Not answered 2

If you responded 'No,' what type of amenities should be added?

Water Fountain 2  
Benches 3  
Rest rooms 1  
Other 1 Not Answered 2

Other: More trash receptacles