**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH**
**COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING**
**APRIL 4, 2016**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

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| Council Member: | Matt Aigeldinger (absent) |
| | Chuck Brooks |
| | Rich Brummett |
| | Florence Frei |
| | Barbara Krantz (absent) |
| | Suzanne Kravitz |
| | Steve Pizzollo (absent) |
| | Jim Purcell |
| | Jim Ryder |
| Youth Councilor: | Jakob Aigeldinger (absent) |
| Mayor: | John Hollenbach (absent) |
| Borough Manager: | Andrea L. Coaxum |
| Police Chief: | Steve Hillias |
| Finance Director: | Joe Berardi |
| Public Works Director: | Dan Gilbert |
| Electric Superintendent: | Harold Stone |
| Park and Recreation Director: | Carolyn Hanel |
| Borough Solicitor: | Nathan Fox |
| Borough Engineer: | Doug Rossino |

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Council person Florence Frei gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

Council President Jim Ryder presented Aaron Clark, a representative from Congressman Fitzpatrick's office, a framed poster created by Rob Chiampa for the Borough's appreciation of his assistance in entering Perkasie's tree lighting ceremony into the congressional record as the nation's oldest, continuous tree lighting.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Michelle Lanzetta of 321 East Walnut Street who had concerns about Free Will Brewery violating their zoning restrictions as outlined in their Zoning Hearing Board approval from 2011. She asked Council to enforce its own ordinance.

Steve Algeo of 4 South 9th Street asked Council to consider other alternatives besides the toter option to supplement the refuse program.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for March 2016.

Authorization to Advertise Bid #2016-3, Bituminous Seal Coat Program

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Engineer to prepare the 2016 road bituminous seal coating program and advertise and distribute the bid package for the following roads: Shadywood Drive (from 633 Shadywood Drive to 721 Shadywood Drive), Shadywood Place (from Blooming Glen Drive to Shadywood Drive) with Highwood Court and Shadywood Drive (from 629 Shadywood Drive to the intersection with Old Post Road) as alternates to the base bid.

Consider Approval of Amended Refuse Budget

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving the amended refuse budget as presented, and authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to create the necessary code amendments to support the addition of toters to the refuse program. All Councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion. Florence Frei voted against it. Motion carried 5-1.

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for March 2016.

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary-February 2016

Councilmembers reviewed Perkasie's February 2016 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

Announce American Public Power Association Award

Jim Purcell announced the Borough's Electric Department received a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability by the American Public Power Association as well as the Electric Utility Safety Award for achievement in attaining a low accident frequency during 2015.

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for March 2016.

Discuss Preliminary Plan for Bethel Tract (Hilltown Township)

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to send a letter to Hilltown Township with comments from Borough Council related to the preliminary Bethel tract submission.

Discuss Zoning Update--Brewery Definition--Removal of Hazardous Trees on Private Property

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Brummett, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to prepare the "Brewery Definition" and "Removal of Hazardous Trees on Private Properties" zoning updates for consideration by Borough Council at a future meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for March 2016.

Consider Resolution #2016-10, Replacement of Playground Equipment

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2016-10 amending the 2016 municipal budget to allow for the purchase of playground equipment in the amount of $63,736.75 and the application of Park and Recreation fees in lieu of dedication until the entire expenditure is recovered.

Discuss Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study-Review PA Environmental Council's proposed Cooperative Services Agreement and Consider Resolution #2016-11, DCNR Planning Grant-Liberty Bell Trail Update

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2016-11, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie to undertake the project of updating the Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study and seek funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and to authorize the signature of the Borough Council President on the grant application.

Consider Lease for Menlo Aquatic Center Concession Stand

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved a lease between Perkasie Borough, as landlord, and Rita's (Wudder Ice Corp.), as tenant, in the amount of $3,501.00 for the Menlo Aquatic Center concession stand.

**PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

No business to come before this committee.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No business to come before this committee.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chuck Brooks thanked Park and Recreation Director Carolyn Hanel for holding an event at the Bucks County Community College in Perkasie on April 2, 2016 presented by the Borough and Sisters U called ***Best Foot Forward.*** The event, which was well attended, was designed to empower women and girls (middle school and up) to live their best life and to put their best foot forward.

## QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee,

## PUBLIC FORUM

Present was John Stemler, co-owner of Free Will Brewery stated he is proud to live in the community and that the brewery business is continuously growing.

Present was Michelle Lanzetta of 321 East Walnut Street who stated the intent of Free Will Brewery was for manufacturing of beer and not retail sales. She stated that was in violation of the decision made by the Zoning Hearing Board.

## PRESS FORUM

None.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Nate Fox announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss an employment matter and would not be reopening the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary