

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
APRIL 3, 2023**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks Randy Faulkner Greg Martin Jim Purcell Steve Rose Jim Ryder Dave Weaver Dave Worthington
Youth Councilor:	Robin Reid (Absent)
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Solicitor:	Jeff Garton, Esq.
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Finance Director:	Rebecca Deemer (Absent)
Parks and Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll
Community Development Manager:	Linda Reid
Borough Engineer:	Doug Rossino
Police Chief:	Robert Schurr
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
Public Works Director:	Jeff Tulone (Absent)

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:01 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PROCLAMATION – PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mayor Hollenbach read a Proclamation designating April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month in the Borough.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2023-12 – Rescind Handicap Space at 116 S. Fifth Street

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-12, which rescinds the designated handicap parking space at 116 South Fifth Street. The motion also authorized the Public Works staff to remove the parking signs from the space.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie’s February 2023 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2023-14 – 617 W. Blooming Glen Drive – Final Escrow Release

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-14, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the project known as 617 W. Blooming Glen Drive as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., and authorizing the return of any remaining escrow balance to the applicant.

Consider Resolution #2023-15 – Griffo Tract, 511 Haven Court – Final Escrow Release

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-15, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the project known as Griffo Tract – Lot 2, 511 Haven Court as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., and authorizing the return of any remaining escrow balance to the applicant.

Consider Adoption of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor and Borough Manager to schedule and advertise a public hearing for the adoption of the ordinance that will automatically implement future versions of the IPMC Code.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2023-13 – Grant Application for Kulp Park Improvements

The Parks & Recreation Director gave Council an overview of the proposed Phase 2 for the Kulp Park Improvements Project. Council President Ryder asked if this grant would tie the Borough into a set spending plan, and both the Borough Manager and Parks & Rec Director explained that if the grant is awarded, the Borough can choose to accept it; once the grant agreement is signed, the Borough would then have 3 years to complete the project. The Borough

will apply for other grants to try to fund as much of the project as possible, including a DCED grant, one from MLB and a community grant from T-Mobile. Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to sign Resolution #2023-13 and the required letter of match for staff to proceed with applying for a DCNR grant for Phase 2 of the Kulp Park Improvements Project.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Councilman Brooks thanked the Parks & Rec Director for all of her efforts on the Aquatics Center, adding that this is a time-consuming process and she's done a wonderful job. He also commended the Borough Manager for her role in the hiring process for the new Aquatics Center position.

Consider Hiring of 2023 Seasonal Staff for Menlo Aquatics Center

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the hiring of 80 returning or new staff members at Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2023 season, contingent upon completing all of the necessary paperwork, background clearances and certification courses, at the hourly rates listed in the updated 2023 fee schedule.

Council President Ryder asked about the status of pool memberships, and the Parks & Rec Director informed Council that so far, the Borough has 100 more memberships than last year.

Councilman Faulkner commented on the impressive operations at the pool, with the 80+ employees.

Consider Hiring of Aquatic Facilities & Program Manager

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved a motion to concur with the Borough Manager's decision to hire Jim Foster as the new Aquatic Facilities & Program Manager at an annual salary of \$50,000 per year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Donation Request – Quakertown Rotary Club

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the donation of four daily passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2023 season to the Quakertown Rotary Club for a raffle at their event on May 12, 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Safety Committee.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Council President commented on the great story he saw about Robin Reid, the Youth Councilor. Robin was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary