

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JUNE 3, 2024**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy (Absent) Chuck Brooks Kelly Laustsen (Absent) Steve Rose Jim Ryder Robin Schilling Jeremy Wano Dave Weaver Dave Worthington
Youth Councilor:	Logan Wilcox
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Assistant Borough Manager:	Linda Reid
Finance Director:	Rebecca Deemer
Parks and Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll
Police Chief:	Robert Schurr
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
Public Works Director:	Jeff Tulone
Borough Solicitor:	Jeff Garton, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Doug Rossino, P.E.

Borough Council Vice-President Brooks convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. An invocation was given by Nick Campagna, a pastor at Living Hope Community Church in Dublin who also serves as the Chaplain for the Perkasie Fire Company, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER EAGLE SCOUT/BLACK BELT PROJECT

Brandon Staehle gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on a proposed historical storyboard sign in Lenape Park that he would like to build for a combined Eagle Scout/Black Belt project in July. Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$300.00 to Brandon Staehle's Eagle Scout/Black Belt project of a historical storyboard sign in Lenape Park.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Gilbert from 617 Arch Street approached Council with a suggestion that Council name the amphitheater in Lenape Park "The Mayor's Amphitheater", which would honor all former Mayors, our current Mayor, and any future Mayors of the Borough. He further suggested that a plaque could be installed at the Amphitheater listing the names of all of the Mayors and their terms, and leaving room for future Mayors.

Mr. Gilbert then asked what Council, Code Enforcement and the Public Works Department will be doing to address the problem of weeds, grass, trees and flowers growing up along the road way between the curblin and the road and in some places, even the sidewalks, which is unsightly and damaging to the road surface and underlying road structure. He suggested that Council amend the ordinance concerning property maintenance to include language that would make it the homeowner's responsibility to control and remove any growth or vegetation present along the curblin and sidewalks.

Vice-President Brooks thanked Mr. Gilbert for his remarks and stated that Council will take a look at those items and come back with an answer.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2024-35 – PWTA Re-Certification

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-35, an updated resolution adopting Articles of Amendment to increase the term of existence of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority for 50 years.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's April 2024 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates. Councilman Weaver gave an update on the call that he, the Borough Manager and Finance Director had with GDS today, adding that they will continue to have monthly calls.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Discuss Amended Final Land Development Plan – 8th Street Commons

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor to draft a resolution to amend the Final Land Development Plans for 8th Street Commons at the next Council meeting.

Discuss Amended Final Land Development Plan – Green Ridge Estates East

Steve Lampmann from Sal Lapio Homes came before Council to request their approval to change the utility in the Green Ridge Estates East development from natural gas to underground propane tanks, due to the excessive cost of installing new natural gas lines. The nearest natural gas connection is 1,900 ft. away and would cause a significant financial hardship to install.

Councilman Worthington expressed his concerns about the safety of underground propane

tanks and asked several questions, including whether there are currently any homes in the Borough that have them, what limitations on swimming pools or deed restrictions will be placed on the lots if the underground propane tanks are allowed, and what sort of precautions there will be to prevent the protective domes from being sheared off and causing leaks. The Borough Engineer explained that the propane industry is regulated by federal regulations that have specific requirements for the tanks; he, Ms. Coaxum and Mr. Lampmann answered Mr. Worthington's questions and questions from other Council members.

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Weaver, Council approved the utility switch for the Green Ridge Estates East development from natural gas to underground propane tanks, and authorized the Borough Solicitor to draft a resolution to amend the Final Land Development Plans at the next Council meeting. Councilman Worthington opposed.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Event Application – Pennridge Community Day

Upon a motion by Wano, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the 52nd Annual Pennridge Community Day on Sunday, July 7, 2024 with a rain date of Sunday, July 14, 2024. This approval includes the use of the Amphitheater. Council waived the fees associated with this event.

Consider Event Application – Pennridge Community Day Fireworks

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously approved the fireworks display permit application from Bixler Pyrotechnics, Inc., DBA American Fireworks for the fireworks display at Community Day on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at approximately 9:00 pm, with a rain date of Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Consider Event Application & Request for Waiver of Fees – Sellersville Borough 5K

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the event application from Sellersville Borough to use a portion of Lake Lenape Trail for their Sesquicentennial 5K on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at 8:00 am. The approval also includes the waiver of the permit fee for the event.

Perkasie Lions Sponsorship of Kulp Wading Pool

The Parks & Recreation Director informed Council that the Perkasie Lions Club is considering a sponsorship of \$1,000 for the Kulp Wading Pool to be free of charge to the Community during the promoted summer schedule, and will make their decision on this sponsorship at their meeting next week. No action was needed by Council at this time.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Discuss Creation of Special Events Ordinance

Council reviewed a memo from the Assistant Borough Manager, which included some recommendations pertaining to the creation of an ordinance to regulate special events in the Borough.

Ms. Reid had also provided sample chapters from the Code of Ordinances from Doylestown and Lansdale Boroughs, as well as Section 12605 of the PA Municipal Code, which regulates the conduct of a special event subject to certain conditions.

Ms. Reid and Council Vice-President Brooks explained that the purpose would be to create an ordinance that would establish a more formal event application process and make everyone clear on the parameters, in addition to establishing rules & regulations for the events. The Borough Manager emphasized that the ordinance would not be designed to create any obstacles for those who want to have events in the Borough, but rather establish a formalized review and approval process. After some additional questions and dialogue by Council, Mr. Brooks asked Council to review the information they were given, to talk amongst themselves and to provide input to the staff so that something more refined can be brought back to Council for their consideration at the July 17th meeting. Council President Ryder reiterated Mr. Brooks' point and asked that Council take a look at the information they received and do a little research to decide what makes sense and have more discussion. Councilwoman Schilling asked that this be run by Economic Development Committee for their input as well to avoid having any negative impact on the small businesses in the Borough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Award of RFP #2024-04 – Third-Party Building Inspections & Related Services

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously awarded RFP #2024-04 to Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for third-party building inspections and related services and authorized the Solicitor to review the draft contract for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Consider Donation Request – Perkasio Fire Company

Upon a motion by Wano, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a donation of six daily passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2024 season to the Perkasio Fire Company for a raffle fundraiser at this year's carnival.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the request from Dublin Borough for Fire Police assistance at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company Fireman's Fair on July 12-13 and July 16 through July 20, 2024.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Logan Wilcox offered congratulations to the graduating Pennridge seniors and wished them luck.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Worthington asked for an updated on the Lenape Park Skate Park project and one was provided.

PUBLIC FORUM


Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary