

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 13, 2026, 4:02 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:	Scott Bomboy Aaron Clark Rick Doll Matt Lynch Lee Metzger
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach (Absent)
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Assistant Borough Manager:	Linda Reid
Parks & Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll

Scott Bomboy, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Upon a motion by Metzger, seconded by Doll, the Committee approved the minutes from the Historical Committee meeting on March 9, 2026.

Comments from Mayor

Nothing at this time.

Public Forum

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

Discussion: Historic Aspects of Kulp Baseball Field Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Bomboy remarked that, at the last meeting, the Committee discussed possibly naming the field after several famous Perkasiens related to baseball, and also discussed a possible historic re-creation baseball game, which may or may not be at the Kulp field, because the Kulp field may be too good of condition for a team from the 1870s that was used to not playing on such a magnificent ballfield.

The Parks & Recreation Director informed the Committee that the Park & Recreation Board looked into an old-time baseball organization using the field, and they were informed by a Council member that he felt they don't usually play on newer fields, but Ms. Moll found a Philadelphia Athletics old-time group, and while the Athletics did play in Perkasio years ago, she reached out to them to see if they would make an exception, and is waiting to hear back.

The Park & Rec Board also discussed options of having some food available at the event – one of their suggestions was reaching out to the Perkasio Lions Club, and who is family-friendly and affordable and

serves foods such as hamburgers and hot dogs, which would give it that baseball feel, so they did reach out to them as well.

Ms. Moll stated that the date has not been solidified yet; the staff were waiting for the sod to be installed, and it was installed last week, so no one can go on the field for six weeks. They are looking at a possible June or early July date, and are also taking into account the Phillies and Iron Pigs home schedules because one of the suggestions made to the Park & Rec Board was to invite a mascot to attend. Ms. Moll added that the Fire Company Carnival and Community Day are at the end of June, so they don't want to compete with either of those events.

The Park & Rec Board also talked about involving the High School since they want to play there, so the staff have been in contact with their head coach. They are very busy right now, so she reached out again and is hoping to have an answer soon. Ms. Moll stated that their season ends late May, graduation is June 2nd, and school closes on June 9th, so they were unsure as to the last date when they could round up the players, and are waiting to hear back. They also reached out to a local organization, Bonsall Bat, to see if they would want to be involved as well. A Save the Date will be sent out as soon as a date is set.

Update: South Perkasio Covered Bridge Project

Mr. Bomboy provided an update on the Covered Bridge Project. The Borough is waiting for FEMA to re-open to proceed with the project. The committee also discussed the Historic Preservation Covenant signed by Perkasio in 2021 with the state Historic Preservation Office, which requires the borough to maintain the bridge for 15 years. The covenant was put in place due to the Keystone Grant award.

Update: Perkasio Historic District Project

Mr. Bomboy provided an update on the Perkasio Historic District Project and shared some of the feedback and questions from SHPO.

Perkasio America250 Plans

The Assistant Borough Manager informed the Committee that the staff has been working on events for the whole year to celebrate America250, and taking different Borough events and theming them with America250; the Farmers Market will feature American Made, American Grown all year long, the Car Show is going to have a larger commemorative trophy and the smaller trophies are all red, white & blue themed, and the poster will reflect that; the staff is also working on themed activities for the Fall Fest and Tree Lighting. Ms. Reid is also working with Mr. Lynch, who will do a reading of the Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July at the town clock, and the staff is open to ideas for other smaller, quick-to-organize events throughout the year.

Discussion: Perkasio's 150th Birthday

Mr. Bomboy revisited the discussion on forming some kind of Committee that's not a Borough Council Committee or hasn't been a Borough Committee in the past years, basically to raise funds to organize the events over the week that we would celebrate in the year 2029. Mr. Metzger verified that the Historical Society is holding \$9,200 in funds left over from the last anniversary celebration that will be donated to the event.

Setting Schedule for 2026 Meetings

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Lynch, the Historical Committee meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026 was set as follows: May 11th, June 8th, August 10th and October 26th.

New Business

Review Draft Economic Development Plan

Mr. Bomboy asked if the Committee members had any comments regarding the Draft Economic Development Plan, and briefly summarized the comments he provided to the Borough staff. The committee has sent a letter to the Assistant Borough Manager with specific recommendations, including a dedicated section in the Draft Economic Development Plan about historic preservation.

Discussion: Historic Resources Inventory Project

Mr. Bomboy wanted to bring this project to the attention of the Committee because if the Borough were to go forward with a Main Street Matters program, it will have to show a commitment to historic preservation as part of the ongoing process of getting accreditation and grant funding that eventually will require some sort of ordinance from the Borough to that effect. He stated that the Borough should have a Historic Preservation Plan, and a key part of that is a historic preservation inventory of properties.

Discussion: Pomeroy Historic Marker Program

Mr. Bomboy provided an overview of the program and discussion ensued about the categories of markers and the submission process for grant funding.

Public Forum

Nothing at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.