

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 11, 2026, 4:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:	Scott Bomboy Aaron Clark (absent) Rick Doll Matt Lynch Lee Metzger
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach (Absent)
Council Member:	Emma Hawkins
Finance Director:	Rebecca Deemer
Parks & Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll

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

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Upon a motion by Rick Doll, seconded by Lee Metzger, the Committee approved the minutes from the Historical Committee meeting on April 13, 2026.

Comments from Mayor

Nothing at this time.

Public Forum

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

Historic Aspects of Kulp Baseball Field Ribbon Cutting

The Parks & Recreation Director informed the Committee that Pennridge High School's baseball team will be staying at their current field for the playoffs, which will allow Borough staff more time to plan a ribbon cutting event for Kulp Field. Ms. Moll did reach out again to the President of the Athletic Baseball Club of Philadelphia to see what sorts of activities they might have available for the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Bomboy reported that the Mayor is looking to fundraise \$50,000 for a new, more modern scoreboard.

Mr. Lynch asked Ms. Moll who would be using the field besides Pennridge High School and the Legion team. Ms. Moll stated that those were the two groups most interested, and that the Legion coach does run some skills and drills programs separate from the Legion team, so he was interested in renting the field for those programs. The High School coach also runs a program during the summer outside of high school baseball and would be interested in renting the field as well. There has been interest from a few

teams who have never used Kulp Field, and Little League also has interest; while Little League does have their own home fields, they would like to use Kulp Field here or there for a special game or tournament.

Update: South Perkasio Covered Bridge Project

Mr. Bomboy provided a detailed update on the Covered Bridge Project.

Update: Perkasio Historic District Project

Mr. Bomboy provided an update on the Perkasio Historic District Project.

Perkasio America250 Plans

The Committee reviewed a list of events prepared by the Events Assistant showing how the America250 theme will be incorporated into events at the Farmers Markets, Summer Concert Series, Car Show, Fall Fest and Tree Lighting. The America250 theme will also be incorporated into the Historical Society speaker series.

Discussion: Perkasio's 150th Birthday

Mr. Bomboy informed the Committee that he is having a meeting next week with Mayor Hollenbach and Pastor Krey to set up a committee to organize and run the event, which will be some sort of non-profit. Mr. Bomboy has a list of the oldest non-profits and businesses in town, which includes The Perk, the two St. Andrews churches, and Grim Biehn & Thatcher, who have been here since the 1890s. The thought is to get these legacy businesses involved in the planning.

New Business

Comments on Revised Economic Development Plan

The Finance Director stated that the staff forwarded an e-mail from Gilmore & Associates to the Historical Committee, in response to the feedback the Committee provided on the Economic Development Plan. Ms. Deemer asked if the Committee wants to take any further action, or if they are satisfied with Gilmore's comments in response to their feedback.

Mr. Bomboy stated that one of the Committee's comments was that they wanted a section of the plan dedicated to historic preservation, and Gilmore's response was no, that it's already in there. Mr. Bomboy anticipates that being a problem because under the Municipal Planning Code, we're required to print a historic preservation plan for the Borough, but there's no penalty for doing that, and if we want the Economic Development Plan to be part of a new Comprehensive Plan, there has to be a connection between the two plans, which is why you want a dedicated section. Mr. Bomboy stated that he just needs to know if Council has sent any comments to Gilmore yet, adding that there are a lot of items Gilmore did not include, and that it needs to be spelled out that these are the goals for preservation, etc.

Recommendations for Proceeding with South Perkasio Covered Bridge Project

Mr. Bomboy stated that he thinks we need to get the bridge looked at by structural engineers, to see if there's a way we can get it reinforced somehow, and then bring out Wood Research & Development to do an appraisal to make sure we haven't had any damage occur since November 2025.

Public Forum

Nothing at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.