

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (absent)

Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks

Aaron Clark

Suzanne Kravitz

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Youth Councilor:

Jakob Aigeldinger (absent)

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Police Chief:

Steve Hillias

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert (absent)

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (absent)

Park and Recreation Director:

Carolyn Hanel

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Borough Engineer:

Erik Garton

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was former state Representative Paul Clymer who asked Council to create a resolution that will ask the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to place a hold on an attempt to close the Bucks County District Court in Perkasie on West Market Street. He also suggested residents could begin collecting signatures for a petition that would request a public hearing on the plan to put a hold on closing the court. The mayor said that the Perkasie Police Officers would spend more time traveling to and from court and would take them away from doing their main job of patrolling the streets.

MAYOR PROCLAMATION-PA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mayor Hollenbach proclaimed the month of April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month, which is a utility notification information center celebrating 45 years of continuous service.

PRESENTATION BY GIRL SCOUT TROOP #280

Girl Scout Troop #280 was at the meeting requesting Borough Council permission to install Little Free Libraries at various locations throughout the Borough.

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously authorized the installation of four little libraries by Girl Scout Troop 280, and to authorize the Borough Manager and Zoning Officer to work with the Troop on exact locations for the libraries in the Perkasio community.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for March 2017.

Discuss Walnut Street Bridge Closing Schedule

Council members discussed the schedule for replacement of the Walnut Street bridge over the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek to begin in June of 2017 and last approximately 2 construction seasons through Fall 2018.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to write letters to the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Senator Chuck McIlhinney and Representative Craig Staats about the construction stop on the Walnut Street and bridge replacement project during the period of March until the middle of June 2018 to see if not stocking the creek would allow construction to begin in early spring.

Consider Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved the sale of a 1994 D&D Landscape trailer on the Muni-bid online auction site.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for March 2017.

Perkasio Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasio's February 2017 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for March 2017.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for March 2017.

Consider Park Reservation Walton Farm Elementary

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the Walton Farm Elementary School to reserve the Menlo Pavilion on May 3, 2017 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM for a school event.

Consider Resolution #2017-11, Circuit Trails

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2017-11, supporting the Delaware Valley Planning Commission's long term regional goal of building circuit trails throughout the greater Philadelphia region

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Candidate Interviews

Borough Council began the interview process to fill the vacancy on Council formerly held by Florence Frei. Interested applicants Steve Rose and Justin Stottlar gave brief introductions about themselves. Applications will be accepted through April 17. Appointment will be at the April 17 Borough Council meeting.

Consider Appointment to the Park and Recreation Board

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously appointed current auxiliary member Bethany Schwendy to the Perkasio Park and Recreation Board as a voting member for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2019, replacing former member Kevin Gardner.

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously appointed Kathleen Rocchetti to the Perkasio Park and Recreation Board as a voting member to serve a newly created member position with a term expiring on December 31, 2017.

Consider Appointment to Planning Commission

The floor was opened for nominations to the Perkasio Planning Commission. Chuck Brooks nominated Cheryleen Strothers which was seconded by Jim Purcell. Scott Bomboy nominated Kevin Roberts, which was seconded by Aaron Clark. By roll call vote, Councilmembers Brooks, Purcell, and Ryder voted for Cheryleen Strothers. Councilmembers Bomboy, Clark, Kravitz, and Pizzollo voted for Kevin Roberts. By a 4-3 vote, Kevin Roberts was appointed to the Perkasio Planning Commission for the remaining term that will expire on December 31, 2019.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Payment of the Bills

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to approve payment of the bills.

Consider Pool Resurfacing Change Order No. 1

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously agreed to approve change order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,875.00 for additional cracking in the leisure pool.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors March 2017 report

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak of 718 Shadywood Drive reported that high school students have been parking in her development instead of the school parking lot to avoid paying the parking permit fees. She asked the police department to look into it.

Former state Representative Paul Clymer publicly praised the Perkasio Garden Club for its beautification of the War Memorial in Menlo Park.

Present was Kevin Roberts of 624 E. Walnut Street who thanked Council for appointing him to the Perkasio Planning Commission.

Present was Kathleen Rocchetti of 319 Race Street who also thanked Council for appointing her to the Park and Recreation Board.

PRESS FORUM

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was the consensus of Council members present to direct the Borough Manager to go forward and express the Borough's opposition to the proposed closure of Perkasio District Court.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary