

## PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Agenda for Council Committee Meeting of April 3, 2023

1. Meeting Convenes at 7:00PM – Council Meeting Room
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Hollenbach
3. Attendance
4. Public Forum
5. Proclamation: Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month
6. President’s Remarks
7. Public Works Committee Meeting, Councilors: Steve Rose (Chair), Chuck Brooks, Greg Martin, Dave Weaver, Dave Worthington
  - A. Consider Resolution #2023-12 – Rescind Handicap Space at 116 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street
  - B. Other Business
8. Public Utility Committee Meeting, Councilors: Jim Purcell (Chair), Randy Faulkner, Greg Martin, Steve Rose, Dave Weaver
  - A. Perkasio Wholesale Power Cost Monthly Report
  - B. Other Business
9. Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting, Councilors: Councilors: Dave Weaver (Chair), Chuck Brooks, Jim Purcell, Steve Rose, Dave Worthington
  - A. Consider Resolution #2023-14 – 617 W. Blooming Glen Drive – Final Escrow Release
  - B. Consider Resolution #2023-15 – Griffo Tract – Lot 2, 511 Haven Court – Final Escrow Release
  - C. Discuss Adoption of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code
  - D. Other Business
10. Park and Recreation Committee Meeting, Councilors: Dave Worthington (Chair), Scott Bomboy, Randy Faulkner, Jim Purcell
  - A. Consider Resolution #2023-13 – Grant Application for Kulp Park Improvements
  - B. Other Business
11. Personnel and Policy Committee Meeting, Councilors: Chuck Brooks (Chair), Scott Bomboy, Randy Faulkner, Jim Ryder
  - A. Consider Hiring of 2023 Seasonal Staff for Menlo Aquatics Center
  - B. Consider Hiring of Aquatic Facilities & Program Manager
  - C. Other Business
12. Finance Committee Meeting, Councilors: Randy Faulkner (Chair), Scott Bomboy, Jim Purcell, Jim Ryder, Dave Weaver
  - A. Consider Donation Request – Quakertown Rotary Club
  - B. Other Business
13. Economic Development Committee Meeting, Councilors: Scott Bomboy (Chair), Chuck Brooks, Steve Rose, Randy Faulkner
  - A. Other Business
14. Public Safety Committee Meeting, Councilors: Jim Purcell (Chair), Scott Bomboy, Mayor Jeff Hollenbach, Greg Martin, Jim Ryder
  - A. Other Business
15. Historical Committee Meeting, Councilors: Scott Bomboy (Chair), Randy Faulkner, Greg Martin, Jim Purcell
  - A. Other Business

16. Report from Youth Councilor
17. Other Business
18. Public Forum
19. Press Forum
20. Executive Session
21. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023 – 7:00 PM

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# Proclamation – Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month Perkasie Borough

**WHEREAS**, the month of April 2023 is recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with over 50 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania 811 received over 1 million excavation notifications in 2022, and transmitted approximately 6.8 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

**WHEREAS**, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

**WHEREAS**, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, the work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

**WHEREAS**, upon receiving the notification from Pennsylvania 811, the facility owners and operators disperse to the said work site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with flags, paint, or both, to establish an eighteen-inch tolerance zone of the outside wall or edge of their line or facility, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Perkasie Borough, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, does hereby proclaim April 2023 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and encourages all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org) for information about digging safely.

***Mayor Jeff Hollenbach  
Perkasie Borough  
April 3, 2023***

**PERKASIE BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION #2023-12**

WHEREAS, by prior resolution, the Borough Council designated a handicapped parking space in the area of 116 South Fifth Street; and

WHEREAS, Council has been informed that the resident on whose behalf the handicapped parking space was designated no longer resides in that area; and

WHEREAS, the handicapped parking space is therefore no longer required.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Council of the Borough of Perkasia that the designation of the handicapped parking place in the vicinity of 116 South Fifth Street is hereby rescinded and the appropriate Borough officials are authorized to remove the sign designating it as such.

This Resolution is adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

**BOROUGH OF PERKASIE:**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Ryder  
Council President

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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager



# Borough of Perkasio

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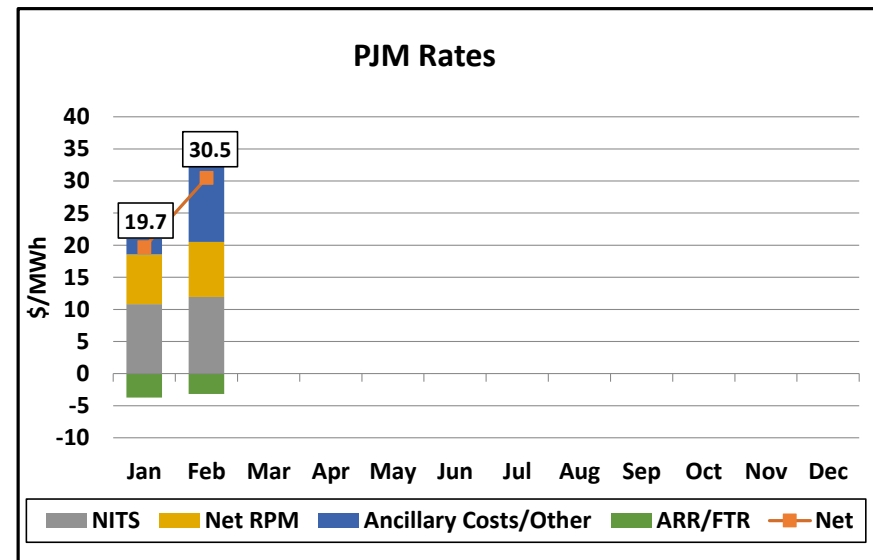
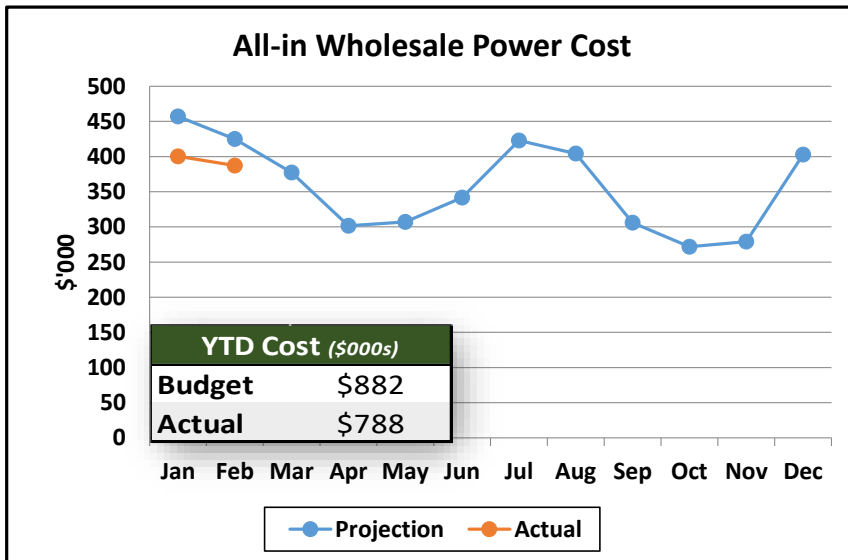
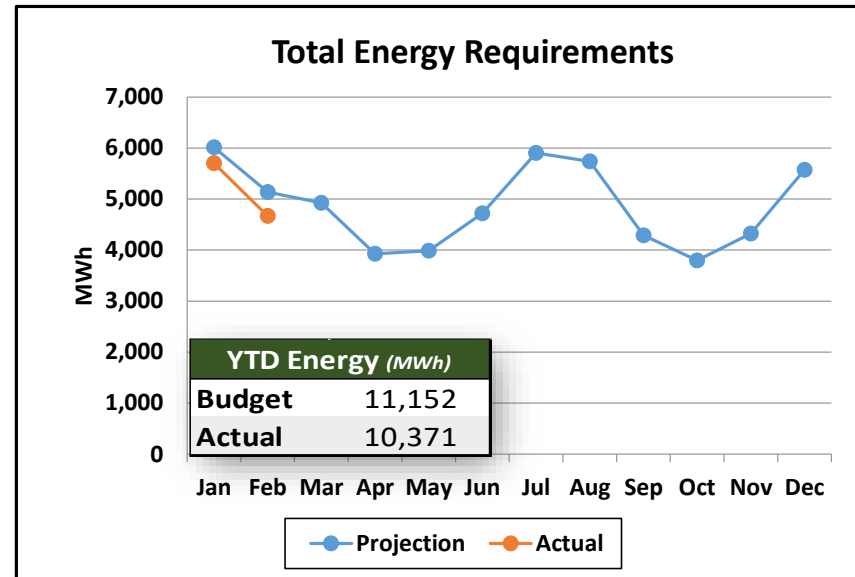
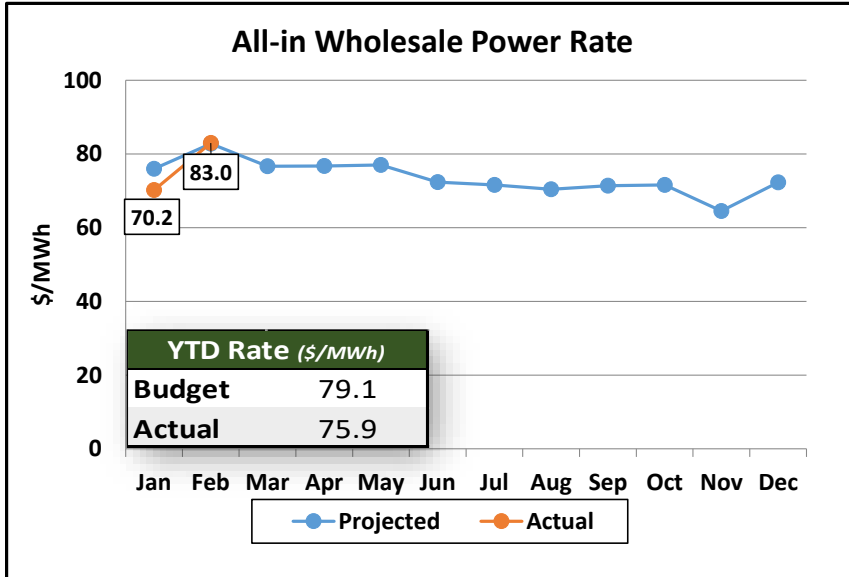


## Wholesale Power Cost Summary

February 2023



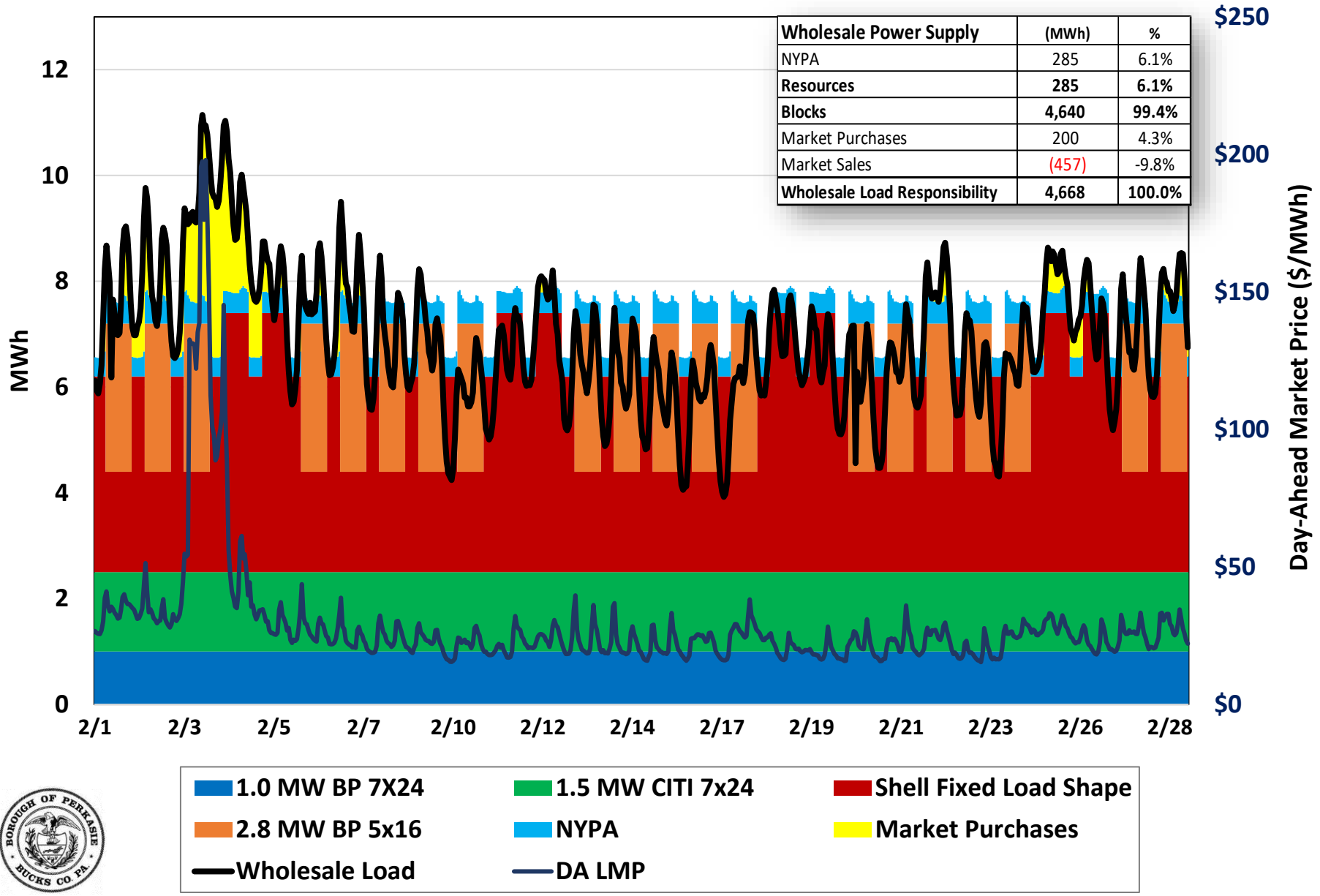
## 2023 Year to Date Wholesale Power Summary



1/ Excludes PJM Market Interaction Costs

2/ Net RPM is capacity load costs less capacity generation credits

## Hourly Perkasio Load Wholesale Power Supply



# Borough of Perkasio



## 2023 Year to Date Summary

### All-In Rate Summary

	Resource Cost <sup>1</sup>		Purchased Blocks <sup>1</sup>		Market Purchases <sup>1</sup>		Market Sales <sup>1</sup>		Total Energy Cost		PJM Cost <sup>2</sup>		Miscellaneous Costs <sup>3</sup>		All-In Rate <sup>4</sup>		Delta
	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	
	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)
<b>Jan-23</b>	\$21.45	\$32.51	\$50.23	\$48.50	\$145.77	\$40.41	\$116.08	\$28.66	\$51.46	\$49.18	\$22.97	\$19.67	\$1.53	\$1.35	\$75.96	\$70.20	(5.76)
<b>Feb-23</b>	\$21.82	\$43.10	\$48.23	\$47.83	\$158.35	\$66.23	\$73.41	\$20.62	\$54.41	\$50.99	\$26.82	\$30.46	\$1.56	\$1.51	\$82.79	\$82.96	0.18
<b>Mar-23</b>	\$23.85	-	\$45.59	-	\$90.90	-	\$62.78	-	\$47.14	-	\$27.94	-	\$1.56	-	\$76.65	-	
<b>Apr-23</b>	\$24.78	-	\$40.48	-	\$58.45	-	\$48.86	-	\$40.26	-	\$34.89	-	\$1.61	-	\$76.77	-	
<b>May-23</b>	\$24.22	-	\$40.17	-	\$66.79	-	\$44.29	-	\$41.01	-	\$34.39	-	\$1.61	-	\$77.01	-	
<b>Jun-23</b>	\$25.55	-	\$45.76	-	\$74.46	-	\$43.82	-	\$46.91	-	\$23.84	-	\$1.58	-	\$72.33	-	
<b>Jul-23</b>	\$24.93	-	\$49.38	-	\$83.40	-	\$47.39	-	\$50.86	-	\$19.18	-	\$1.54	-	\$71.58	-	
<b>Aug-23</b>	\$25.15	-	\$47.68	-	\$81.98	-	\$46.49	-	\$49.17	-	\$19.72	-	\$1.54	-	\$70.43	-	
<b>Sep-23</b>	\$25.93	-	\$42.80	-	\$63.07	-	\$44.86	-	\$43.56	-	\$26.20	-	\$1.60	-	\$71.36	-	
<b>Oct-23</b>	\$26.38	-	\$41.05	-	\$51.43	-	\$41.53	-	\$40.44	-	\$29.51	-	\$1.62	-	\$71.56	-	
<b>Nov-23</b>	\$22.59	-	\$38.95	-	\$62.76	-	\$74.19	-	\$36.94	-	\$26.00	-	\$1.59	-	\$64.53	-	
<b>Dec-23</b>	\$22.16	-	\$45.61	-	\$84.20	-	\$58.92	-	\$46.00	-	\$24.73	-	\$1.54	-	\$72.28	-	
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$21.62</b>	<b>\$37.45</b>	<b>\$49.33</b>	<b>\$48.20</b>	<b>\$152.88</b>	<b>\$50.18</b>	<b>\$98.48</b>	<b>\$25.15</b>	<b>\$52.82</b>	<b>\$49.99</b>	<b>\$24.74</b>	<b>\$24.53</b>	<b>\$0.02</b>	<b>\$1.42</b>	<b>\$79.10</b>	<b>\$75.95</b>	<b>(\$3.16)</b>

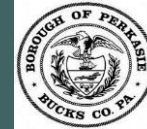
1/ Resource, Purchased Blocks and Market Purchase/Sales include applicable Congestion and Losses costs. Each of these categories are weighted by their applicable energy amounts.

2/ Includes NITS Charge, Net RPM Cost, Ancillary Services Cost and ARR/FTRs Credits, Other Transmission Charges, Admin Fees and Load Reconciliation

3/ Includes AMP Service Fees

4/ All-In Rate is based on Total Sales

# Borough of Perkasi



## 2023 Year to Date Summary

### Energy Supply Summary (MWh)

	NYPA			Market Purchases		Market Sales	
	Projected (MWh)	Actual (MWh)	Capacity Factor <sup>1</sup> (%)	Projected (MWh)	Actual (MWh)	Projected (MWh)	Actual (MWh)
<b>Jan-23</b>	276	325	78%	291	329	(189)	(590)
<b>Feb-23</b>	250	285	76%	378	200	(133)	(457)
<b>Mar-23</b>	277	-	0%	418	-	(310)	-
<b>Apr-23</b>	268	-	0%	253	-	(144)	-
<b>May-23</b>	276	-	0%	317	-	(171)	-
<b>Jun-23</b>	246	-	0%	472	-	(497)	-
<b>Jul-23</b>	252	-	0%	410	-	(463)	-
<b>Aug-23</b>	252	-	0%	400	-	(437)	-
<b>Sep-23</b>	246	-	0%	388	-	(223)	-
<b>Oct-23</b>	276	-	0%	174	-	(142)	-
<b>Nov-23</b>	268	-	0%	213	-	(266)	-
<b>Dec-23</b>	277	-	0%	311	-	(247)	-
<b>YTD</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>(322)</b>	<b>(1,047)</b>

<sup>1/</sup> The Capacity Factor is based on the actual generation.

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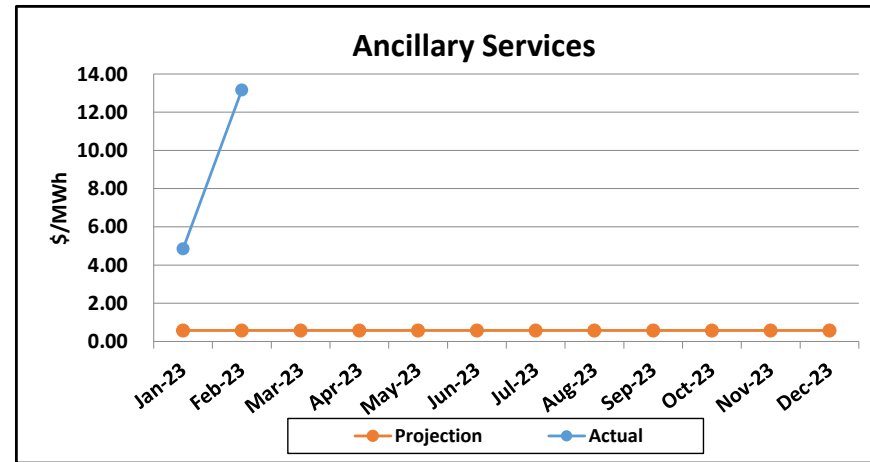
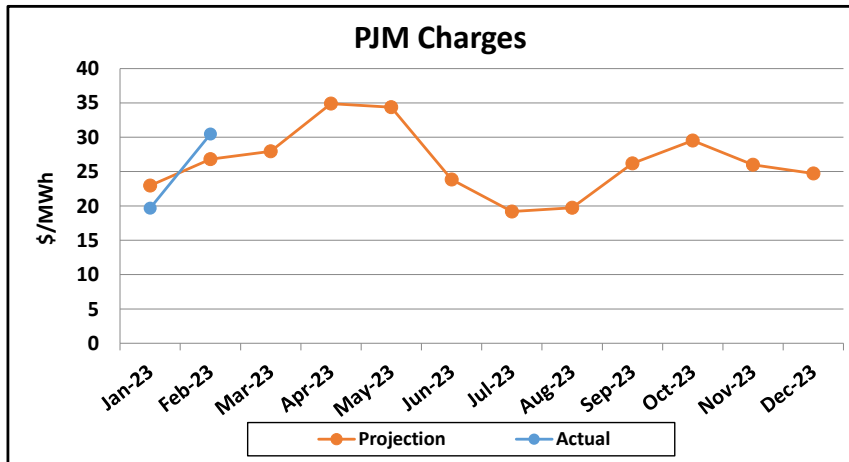
### PJM Charge Summary (excl. PJM Market Interaction Costs)

	NITS		Net RPM <sup>1</sup>		ARR/FTR		Ancillary Services/Other <sup>2</sup>		Total		Contribution to All-In Rate <sup>3</sup>		Delta
	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)
Jan-23	91	62	43	44	-	(21)	3	28	138	112	\$22.97	\$19.67	(\$3.30)
Feb-23	91	56	43	40	-	(15)	3	61	138	142	\$26.82	\$30.46	\$3.64
Mar-23	91	-	43	-	-	-	3	-	138	-	\$27.94	-	-
Apr-23	91	-	43	-	-	-	2	-	137	-	\$34.89	-	-
May-23	91	-	43	-	-	-	2	-	137	-	\$34.39	-	-
Jun-23	91	-	18	-	-	-	3	-	113	-	\$23.84	-	-
Jul-23	91	-	18	-	-	-	3	-	113	-	\$19.18	-	-
Aug-23	91	-	18	-	-	-	3	-	113	-	\$19.72	-	-
Sep-23	91	-	18	-	-	-	2	-	112	-	\$26.20	-	-
Oct-23	91	-	18	-	-	-	2	-	112	-	\$29.51	-	-
Nov-23	91	-	18	-	-	-	2	-	112	-	\$26.00	-	-
Dec-23	91	-	43	-	-	-	3	-	138	-	\$24.73	-	-
<b>YTD</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>24.74</b>	<b>24.53</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>

1/ Net RPM is the RPM Cost less the Generator's RPM Credits.

2/ Ancillary services/Other also includes: Admin fees, Load Reconciliation and Other Transmission Charges

3/ The Rate is based on Total Sales



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	Projected			Actual			Delta		
	Billing Unit (MWh)/(MW)	Rate (\$/MWh) / (\$/kW-mo)	Total Cost / (Credit) (\$)	Billing Unit (MWh)/(MW)	Rate (\$/MWh) / (\$/kW-mo)	Total Cost / (Credit) (\$)	Billing Unit (MWh)/(MW)	Rate (\$/MWh) / (\$/kW-mo)	Total Cost / (Credit) (\$)
<b>Invoice Summary<sup>1</sup></b>									
<b>1. AMP</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>\$46</b>	<b>\$237,270</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>\$52</b>	<b>\$241,240</b>	<b>(467.46)</b>	<b>\$5.48</b>	<b>\$3,970</b>
(a) NYPA	250	\$21.82	\$5,452	285	\$42.25	\$12,021	34.63	\$20.43	\$6,569
(b) PA Peaking Project	0	\$0.00	\$0	1.2	\$200.00	\$243	1.22	\$200.00	\$243
(c) Purchased Blocks	4,640	\$48.23	\$223,808	4,640	\$47.83	\$221,922	0.00	(\$0.41)	(\$1,886)
(d) Miscellaneous Costs <sup>2</sup>	5,135	\$1.56	\$8,010	4,668	\$1.51	\$7,054	(467.46)	(\$0.05)	(\$956)
<b>2. PJM</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>\$36.58</b>	<b>\$187,873</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>\$31.29</b>	<b>\$146,039</b>	<b>(467.46)</b>	<b>(\$5.30)</b>	<b>(\$41,834)</b>
(a) Market Purchases	378	\$158.35	\$59,906	200	\$66.23	\$13,275	(177.90)	(\$92.12)	(\$46,632)
(b) Market Sales	(133)	\$73.41	(\$9,746)	(457)	\$20.62	(\$9,422)	(324.20)	(\$52.79)	\$323
(c) Charges/(Credits) <sup>3</sup>	5,135	\$26.82	\$137,712	4,668	\$30.46	\$142,187	(467.46)	\$3.64	\$4,474
<b>3. Total Wholesale Power Costs<sup>4</sup>:</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>\$82.79</b>	<b>\$425,143</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>\$82.96</b>	<b>\$387,279</b>	<b>(467)</b>	<b>\$0.18</b>	<b>(\$37,864)</b>

1/ Resource, Purchased Blocks and Market Purchase/Sales includes Congestion and Losses costs.

2/ Miscellaneous Costs incl. AMP Service Fees

3/ Includes Net RPM (RPM Charges and RPM Credits) for each Resource

4/ Based on Total Sales



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	Projection			Actual			Delta			
	Billing Unit	Rate	Total Cost / (Credit)	Billing Unit	Rate	Total Cost / (Credit)	Billing Unit	Rate	Total Cost / (Credit)	
	(MWh)/(MW)	(\$/MWh) / (\$/kW-mo)	(\$)	(MWh)/(MW)	(\$/MWh) / (\$/kW-mo)	(\$)	(MWh)/(MW)	(\$/MWh) / (\$/kW-mo)	(\$)	
<b>AMP</b>										
<b>Resources</b>										
1.	<b>NYPA</b>									
2.	Fixed Charge	0.6	\$6.28	\$3,511	0.6	\$4.06	\$2,267	0	(2.22)	(\$1,244)
3.	Energy Charge	250	\$12.30	\$3,074	285	\$36.29	\$10,326	35	23.99	\$7,252
4.	Other Adjustments			\$0			\$0	0	0.00	\$0
5.	Congestion & Losses	250	(\$4.53)	(\$1,132)	285	(\$2.01)	(\$571)	35	2.52	\$561
6.	<b>All in Cost</b>	250	\$21.82	\$5,452	285	\$42.25	\$12,021	35	20.43	\$6,569
7.	<b>PA Peaking Project</b>									
8.	Fixed Charge	0.0	\$0.00	\$0	4.3	\$0.00	\$0	4	0.00	\$0
9.	Energy Charge	0	\$0.00	\$0	1.2	\$200.00	\$243	1	200.00	\$243
10.	Congestion & Losses	0	\$0.00	\$0	1.2	\$0.00	\$0	1	0.00	\$0
11.	<b>All in Cost</b>	0	\$0.00	\$0	1.2	\$200.00	\$243	1	200.00	\$243
12.	Total - Resources	250	\$21.82	\$5,452	286	\$42.92	\$12,264	36	21.10	\$6,812
<b>Purchased Blocks</b>										
13.	<b>BP 1.0 MW 7x24 (PPL)</b>									
14.	Energy Charge	672	\$34.71	\$23,325	672	\$34.71	\$23,325	0	0.00	\$0
15.	Congestion & Losses	672	\$0.00	\$84	672	(\$0.36)	(\$242)	0	(0.36)	(\$327)
16.	<b>All in Cost</b>	672	\$34.84	\$23,409	672	\$34.35	\$23,083	0	(0.49)	(\$327)
17.	<b>BP 2.8 MW 5x16 (PPL)</b>									
18.	Energy Charge	896	\$40.91	\$36,655	896	\$40.91	\$36,655	0	0.00	\$0
19.	Congestion & Losses	896	(\$0.10)	(\$88)	896	(\$0.55)	(\$491)	0	(0.45)	(\$404)
20.	<b>All in Cost</b>	896	\$40.81	\$36,568	896	\$40.36	\$36,164	0	(0.45)	(\$404)
21.	<b>Shell Fixed Load Shape 2x16 (PPL)</b>									
22.	Energy Charge	627	\$64.85	\$40,674	627	\$64.85	\$40,674	0	0.00	\$0
23.	Congestion & Losses	627	\$0.33	\$207	627	(\$0.46)	(\$287)	0	(0.79)	(\$494)
24.	<b>All in Cost</b>	627	\$65.18	\$40,881	627	\$64.39	\$40,387	0	(0.79)	(\$494)
25.	<b>Shell Fixed Load Shape 5x16 (PPL)</b>									
26.	Energy Charge	608	\$64.85	\$39,429	608	\$64.85	\$39,429	0	0.00	\$0
27.	Congestion & Losses	608	(\$0.10)	(\$59)	608	(\$0.55)	(\$333)	0	(0.45)	(\$274)
28.	<b>All in Cost</b>	608	\$64.75	\$39,369	608	\$64.30	\$39,095	0	(0.45)	(\$274)
29.	<b>Shell Fixed Load Shape 7x8 (PPL)</b>									
30.	Energy Charge	829	\$64.85	\$53,748	829	\$64.85	\$53,748	0	0.00	\$0
31.	Congestion & Losses	829	\$0.33	\$273	829	(\$0.04)	(\$31)	0	(0.37)	(\$304)
32.	<b>All in Cost</b>	829	\$65.18	\$54,021	829	\$64.81	\$53,717	0	(0.37)	(\$304)
33.	<b>CITI 1.5 MW 7x24 (PPL Resid)</b>									
34.	Energy Charge	1,008	\$29.20	\$29,434	1,008	\$29.20	\$29,434	0	0.00	\$0
35.	Congestion & Losses	1,008	\$0.13	\$126	1,008	\$0.04	\$42	0	(0.08)	(\$84)
36.	<b>All in Cost</b>	1,008	\$29.33	\$29,560	1,008	\$29.24	\$29,476	0	(0.08)	(\$84)
37.	Total - Purchased Blocks	4,640	\$48.23	\$223,808	4,640	\$47.83	\$221,922	0	(0.41)	(\$1,886)



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<b>Miscellaneous Costs</b>										
38.	AMP Fees	5,135	\$1.56	\$8,010	4,668	\$1.51	\$7,054	(467)	(0.05)	(\$956)
39.	Total - Miscellaneous Costs	5,135	\$1.56	\$8,010	4,668	\$1.51	\$7,054	(467)	(0.05)	(\$956)
40.	Total - AMP			\$237,270			\$241,240	0	0.00	\$3,970
<b>PJM Charges</b>										
41.	Market Interaction									
42.	Net Market Purchases	378	\$158.35	\$59,906	200	\$66.23	\$13,275	(178)	(\$92.12)	(\$46,632)
43.	Day-Ahead Purchases				180	\$69.45	\$12,493	180	\$69.45	\$12,493
44.	Balancing Purchases				117	\$25.93	\$3,044	117	\$25.93	\$3,044
45.	Net Market Sales	(133)	\$73.41	(\$9,746)	(457)	\$20.62	(\$9,422)	(324)	(\$52.79)	\$323
46.	Day-Ahead Sales				(473)	\$20.96	(\$9,916)	(473)	\$20.96	(\$9,916)
47.	Balancing Sales				(81)	\$21.89	(\$1,769)	(81)	\$21.89	(\$1,769)
48.	NITS	12	\$7.32	\$91,390	8	\$6.80	\$55,737	(4)	(\$0.53)	(\$35,653)
49.	Other Transmission Charges	12	\$0.00	\$0	8	\$0.92	\$7,582	(4)	\$0.92	\$7,582
50.	RPM Capacity									
51.	RPM Charge	16	\$2.86	\$45,009	15	\$2.71	\$41,790	0	(\$0.16)	(\$3,219)
52.	RPM Credit			(\$1,639)			(\$1,877)			(\$238)
53.	Net RPM			\$43,370			\$39,913			(\$3,457)
54.	Ancillary	5,135	\$0.57	\$2,953	4,668	\$0.42	\$1,947	(467)	(\$0.16)	(\$1,006)
55.	ARR/FTR Credits	5,135	\$0.00	\$0	4,668	(\$3.20)	(\$14,914)	(467)	(\$3.20)	(\$14,914)
56.	Administration Charges	5,135	\$0.00	\$0	4,668	\$0.41	\$1,893	(467)	\$0.41	\$1,893
57.	True-Up Load Reconciliation			\$0			\$50,030			\$50,030
58.	Total PJM Charges	5,135	\$36.58	\$187,873	4,668	\$31.29	\$146,039	(467)	(\$5.30)	(\$41,834)

**PERKASIE BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION NO. 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**

WHEREAS, William J. Steinhauser (“Applicant”) received approval for a single-family home construction project at 617 W. Blooming Glen Drive, Perkasio, Pennsylvania, known as Bucks County Tax Map Parcel 33-007-058; and

WHEREAS, financial security in the form of a cash deposit was paid by Applicant to the Borough of Perkasio; and

WHEREAS, Gilmore & Associates, Inc., has completed its final inspection and has certified that the escrow account for the project may be closed and any remaining balance in the account may be returned to the Applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Perkasio, as follows, that the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to return to the Applicant any amount that remains in the escrow account for the above-referenced project and thereafter the escrow account for project may be closed.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED by the Borough Council of Perkasio Borough on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

**BOROUGH OF PERKASIE:**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Ryder, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea L. Coaxum, Secretary

**PERKASIE BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION NO. 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**

WHEREAS, Eric and Nancy Moyer (“Applicant”) received Final As-Built Plan approval for 511 Haven Court, Perkasio, Pennsylvania, known as Bucks County Tax Map Parcel 33-012-011-009; and

WHEREAS, financial security in the form of a cash deposit was paid by Applicant to the Borough of Perkasio; and

WHEREAS, Gilmore & Associates, Inc., has completed its final inspection and has certified that the escrow account for the project may be closed and any remaining balance in the account may be returned to the Applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Perkasio, as follows, that the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to return to the Applicant any amount that remains in the escrow account for the above-referenced project and thereafter the escrow account for project may be closed.

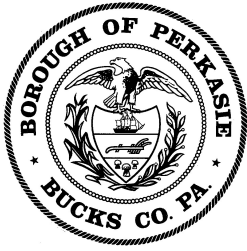
THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED by the Borough Council of Perkasio Borough on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

**BOROUGH OF PERKASIE:**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Ryder, Council President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea L. Coaxum, Secretary



# BOROUGH OF PERKASIO

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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2023

TO: Andrea L. Coaxum, Borough Manager

FROM: Debbie Sergeant, Code Enforcement Administrator

SUBJECT: Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code 2018

For the last 30 years, Perkasio Borough has been using the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code/1993. I would like to start using the International Property Maintenance Code 2018 (IPMC). I have looked through both of these code versions, and the 2018 IPMC has more information in the way of definitions, along with a commentary section, which is helpful. No drastic changes have been made in the 2018 IPMC.

Attached to this memo is a draft ordinance that includes an updated "Modification of Standards" section. By adopting this ordinance, once a new version of the IPMC is released/printed, it will automatically adopt the new version, similar to what occurs when the Uniform Construction Code is updated.

At this time, I am requesting that Council authorize the Borough staff to start using the 2018 IPMC and that they proceed with adopting this ordinance.

**PERKASIE BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 TITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PERKASIE INCORPORATING THE 2018  
INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

The Borough of Perkasio hereby ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** §135-1. Adoption of standards by reference.

A certain document, copies of which are on file in the office of the Borough of Perkasio, being marked and designated as the "ICC International Property Maintenance Code First Edition, 2018", as published by the International Code Council. INC., be and is hereby adopted as the Existing Structures Code of the Borough of Perkasio in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said "ICC International Property Maintenance Code / 2018 are hereby referred to, adopted and made part hereof, as if fully set out in this chapter with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 135-3 of this chapter.

**Section 2.** §135-3. Modification of standards.

The ICC International Property Maintenance Code/2018 is amended and revised in the following respects:

- A. Section PM 101.1(page1-1, fourth line): Insert "the Borough of Perkasio".
- B. Section PM 103.5 (page1-4, fourth line): Insert Appropriate Fee Schedule.
- C. Section PM 111.5 "Postponed hearing" shall be amended to read as follows:  
  
Section PM 111.5 Postponed hearing: when a quorum of Borough Council is not present to hear an appeal, either the appellant or the appellant's representative shall have the right to request a postponement of the hearing.
- D. Section PM 112.4(page1-16, fifth line): Insert "one hundred dollars (\$100.00)" and "one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)".
- E. Section PM 302.4 (page3-2 second line): Insert "twelve (12) inches".
- F. Section PM 304.14 (page 3-8 first line): Insert "May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>".

G. Section PM 602.3 (page 6-2 fifth line): Insert "September 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>".

H. Section PM 602.4 (page 6-3 third line): Insert "September 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>".

**Section 3.** § 135-4

Nothing in this chapter or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in § **135-2** of this chapter, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this chapter.

**Section 4.** Any existing ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent that it is inconsistent with the terms of this amendment.

**Section 5.** The International Property Maintenance Code, as amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the Property Maintenance code for Perkasié Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasio, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF PERKASIE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Andrea L. Coaxum, Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**James Ryder, Council President**

Examined and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Jeff Hollenbach, Mayor**

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE  
FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT AND SIGNATURE**



# BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 31, 2023

TO: Andrea Coaxum, Borough Manager

FROM: Lauren Moll, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Kulp Park Improvement Project, Phase 2

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Attached is a site drawing, cost estimate, required letter of match, and resolution needed for the DCNR grant application for Kulp Park Improvements, Phase 2.

This grant application and project would be considered Phase 2 (of 3) for the rehabilitation of Kulp Park. Phase 1 was completed by the Borough with the rehabilitation and improvements to the tennis and pickleball courts. Phase 2 would specifically include:

- ADA parking and accessible path to the baseball field and dugouts
- Field rehabilitation which includes removal of the dirt infield to be replaced with a grass infield, infield drainage, replacing the backstop, moving the first base fence to align with the backstop, and adding a third base fence for safety which aligns with the backstop
- Adding additional fly ball netting along the first base as suggested by our insurance provider
- Updated LED lighting

These improvements still do not include the grandstands, snack stand, or scoreboard. Also, please note, due to the high costs associated with the above improvements, additional features that were originally discussed such as basketball court rehab, basketball court lighting, and baseball dugouts will not be included in this grant application and are noted for a future and possible Phase 3 of the project as noted in the site drawing.

The teams that currently rent and use the field have vocalized the need to address the playability and lighting of the field. In its current state, it is outdated, deteriorating and unsafe, and previous teams have left due to the conditions of the field. By focusing this phase on these items, we can ensure the continued and expanded use of the field.

The total cost for the Phase 2 improvement, including DCNR's grant request and Perkasie Borough's required funding breakdown, can be seen below:

Total Cost of Phase 2	\$ 893,499.76
DCNR Max Grant Request	\$ 250,000.00
Non-Cash Services	\$ 81,981.14 – through the Electric & Public Works Departments
Fees In Lieu Cash Match	\$ 138,619.36
Additional Cash Required to Finish the Project	\$ 422,899.26



Kulp Park Improvements Project, Phase 2

March 31, 2023

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Please note the total project includes a 10% contingency which equals out to \$81,227.25.

To assist with the funding, we would intend to apply for a DCED Greenway, Trails, and Recreation Program grant. The DCED grant application would be due by May 31<sup>st</sup> and has a maximum request of \$250,000, which, if awarded, would bring the additional cash required to finish the project to \$172,899.26. We would also intend on searching out and applying for any additional funding sources to secure as close to 100% funding as possible.

If Council is in support of the project and would like to apply for the DCNR grant, we would need to approve both the letter of match and resolution on Monday evening.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

## PRELIMINARY COST OPINION WORKSHEET

PROJECT: 22-12057 Kulp Park Phase 2

PREPARED BY:

LOCATION: Perkasio Borough, PA



GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES

DESCRIPTION: Proposed DCNR Grant Improvements

DATE: 3/31/2023

ITEM					TOTAL COST
NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	UNIT	\$/UNIT	TOTAL COST
<b>A Accessibility Improvements</b>					
1	Vertical/Depressed Concrete Curb (7"x8"x18") - Remove and Replace (A)	15	LF	125.00	\$ 1,875.00
2	Concrete Sidewalk (4") - Install (A)	915	LF	20.00	\$ 18,300.00
3	Concrete Sidewalk (4") - Remove and Replace (A)	75	SF	22.00	\$ 1,650.00
4	Plain Cement Concrete Curb Ramp (4") - Remove and Replace (A)	128	SF	28.40	\$ 3,635.20
5	Accessible Parking Signage (A)	2	EA	330.00	\$ 660.00
6	Accessible Parking Pavement Markings (A)	1	LS	1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
<b>TOTAL - ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>\$ 27,220.20</b>
<b>B Baseball Field Rehabilitation</b>					
1	Field Work*	1	LS	171,385.54	\$ 171,385.54
2	Fence/Netting*	1	LS	122,560.98	\$ 122,560.98
<b>TOTAL - BASEBALL FIELD REHABILITATION</b>					<b>\$ 293,946.52</b>
<b>C Baseball Field Lighting</b>					
1	Lighting System Package(G)*	1	LS	409,024.39	\$ 409,024.39
2	Public Works Labor - Excavate and Backfill for Conduit (N)	240	HR	55.00	\$ 13,200.00
3	Public Works Equipment - Backhoe (N)	1	LS	13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00
4	Public Works Equipment - Dump Truck (N)	1	LS	8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
5	Public Works Materials - Backfill Stone (N)	1	LS	768.00	\$ 768.00
6	Electrical Labor - Install Conduit, Provide Power, and Assemble Light Pole Components (N)	120	HR	70.62	\$ 8,474.40
7	Electrical Equipment - Dump Truck (N)	1	LS	2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
8	Electrical Equipment - Pick-up Truck (N)	1	LS	1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
9	Electrical Materials - Supply Power, Conduit and Wiring (N)	1	LS	33,939.00	\$ 33,939.00
<b>TOTAL - BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING</b>					<b>\$ 491,005.79</b>
<b>D DCNR Funding Acknowledgment Sign</b>					
1	DCNR Funding Acknowledgment Sign	1	LS	100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL - DCNR FUNDING SIGNAGE</b>					<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION ITEM SUB-TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 812,272.51</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY (10% +/-)</b>					<b>\$ 81,227.25</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>					<b>\$ 893,499.76</b>

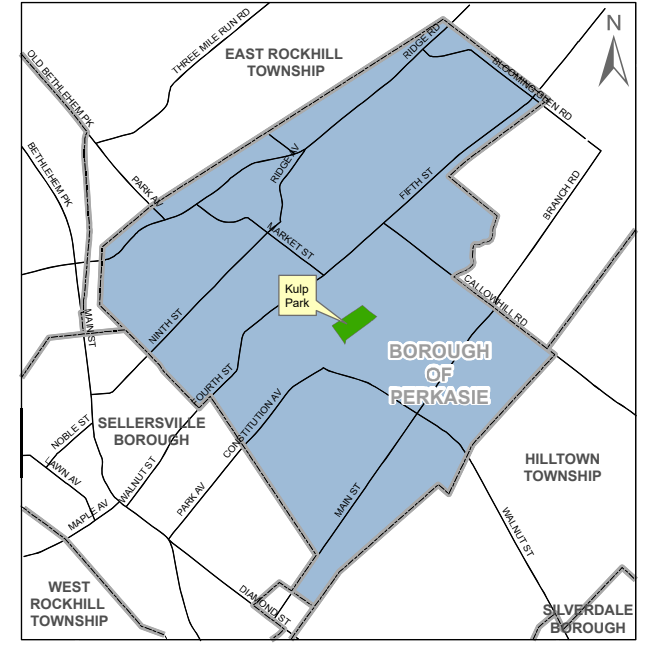
A = Accessible

G = Green & Sustainable

N = Non-Cash Match

\* See Site Development Drawing for more detailed information regarding the proposed scope for these items





**Applicant and Lot Area Summary:**  
 Borough of Perkasie  
 620 West Chestnut Street  
 Perkasie, PA 18944  
 Parcel #33-010-150 10.211 Acres

**Soils Legend**

Map Symbol	Soil
Bo	Bowmansville-Knauers Silt Loam
Ro	Rowland Silt Loam
UgB	Urban land - Abbottstown complex, 0-8% slopes
W	Water

**General Notes**

Parcel, soils and floodplain information taken from publicly available GIS data from Bucks County, the USDA and FEMA.

Per publicly available National Wetlands Inventory information, no wetlands are located on the site.

The horizontal datum for this project is based upon North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) as established using GPS (Global Positioning System) to compile the datum.

- 1 Existing Park Features**
1. ADA Parking Spaces and Gravel Municipal Lot
  2. On-Street Parking
  3. Parking
  4. Tennis & Pickleball Courts
  5. Basketball Courts, Bleachers & Viewing Area
  6. Playground
  7. Wading Pool
  8. Bullpen
  9. Restrooms, Snack Stand & Storage Building
  10. Baseball Field
  11. Historic Old Time Grandstands
  12. East Branch Perkiomen Greenway Trail
  13. Pavilion
  14. Swings



DCNR-C2P2

## Applicant Information (\* indicates required information)

Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: **BOROUGH OF PERKASIE**Web Application ID: **2006069**Project Title: **Kulp Park Improvements, Phase 2**

WHEREAS, **BOROUGH OF PERKASIE** ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "**Kulp Park Improvements, Phase 2**" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department **if the applicant is awarded a grant**; and

**NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:**

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "**Andrea L. Coaxum**" who, at the time of signing, has a **TITLE** of "**Borough Manager, Secretary**" and the email address of "**manager@perkasieborough.org**".
2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's **executed** signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "**TITLE**" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

Borough Council

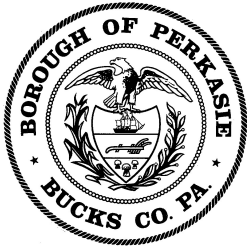
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(Identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of this applicant, this 3rd day of April, 2023.

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(signature of the governing body)



# BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

620 W. Chestnut Street  
PO Box 96  
Perkasie, PA 18944-0096

Phone: (215) 257-5065  
Fax: (215) 257-6875

April 4, 2023

Ms. Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary  
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: Letter of Cash/Non-Cash Commitment

Dear Ms. Dunn:

Perkasie Borough is pleased to be submitting a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to request funding for the rehabilitation of our baseball field at Kulp Park, located in Perkasie Borough, PA.

This project is Phase 2 of Kulp Park Improvements and include rehabilitation of the baseball field, updated LED lighting, and ADA parking and accessible pathways. These improvements will continue to develop the park into an accessible and well-functioning park that meets the needs of the Borough and all park users.

The Borough is financially committed to this project. If awarded this grant funding from DCNR, the Borough would be able to fulfill the local cash and non-cash match obligation and remaining project balance.

Total Project Cost	\$ 893,499.76
Grant Request	\$ 250,000.00
Non-Cash Services	\$ 81,981.14 – through the Electric and Public Works Departments
Cash Match	\$ 561,518.62

We appreciate your anticipated review of our proposed project.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary

Attachments



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Rotary



Dear Friends of Rotary,

### **BOROUGH OF PERKASIE**

The Quakertown Rotary Club is hosting our annual Purse Bingo Fundraiser on Friday, May 12, 2023 at the West End Fire Company in Quakertown. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 and we need your assistance to meet this goal.

Quakertown Rotary is an "Idea in Action." A fellowship of likeminded people who accept the idea of service, individually and collectively, as the basis for success and happiness in business, individual and community life. Quakertown Rotary members share in the opportunity to serve the community in an organized effort. We believe in giving back to the community from which we have benefited. The proceeds from this event have helped support various local community charities and projects such as; Children's Developmental Program, Quakertown School District literacy program, Quakertown Food Pantry, Technology Student Association (TSA), Rotary Youth Exchange and much, much more.

As a sponsor, our capacity for this event is up to 150-160 people. We will acknowledge each sponsor on our social media leading up to the event. Your name will be displayed prominently at the event. In addition, all sponsors names will be included on each of the tables and a verbal acknowledgment will be made at the event.

We hope that you will support Rotary by donating to this event. Please see Response Form for sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorship checks can be made payable to: The Quakertown Rotary Foundation and mailed to: PO Box 373 Quakertown Pa 18951. All donations of items/raffle baskets will be picked up by a Rotarian. A Rotarian will reach out to schedule pickup by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 215-538-5600 x5603 or via email at [ccovelens@qnbbank.com](mailto:ccovelens@qnbbank.com).

By sponsoring this event you are helping those who need you the most in the Quakertown Community.

Sincerely,

*Courtney Covelens*

Courtney Covelens  
Fundraising Committee

*The Quakertown Rotary Club Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization  
Tax ID# 81-5249527  
PO Box 373 Quakertown PA 18951*

# Perkasie's women business owners find support in community

Posted Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:25 am

**By Joe Ferry**

When she was considering a location for her business toward the end of last year, Hope Wilson looked no further than her hometown of Perkasie Borough.

In addition to a growing reputation as a small-town food and beverage destination with fun events, Wilson found a tight-knit group of female entrepreneurs with a vested interest in helping each other succeed.

"I love how supportive the community has been," said Wilson, whose Highly Mystical Creations is one of three women-owned businesses in the Dragonflies Healing Salon and Spa on Callowhill Street. "I've had so much support from all the other women that it's truly heart-warming. This community is full of businesses wanting to help each other thrive and grow together."

When Wilson opened Highly Mystical Creations in January, she became the most recent in a long line of female entrepreneurs to set up shop in Perkasie. About four out of five brick-and-mortar businesses in the borough's historic district – about 40 locations in all, not including dozens of home-based businesses – are owned and operated by women.

Some of them have been around for a long time. The Treasure Trove, for example, an antiques and collectibles store, has been a fixture in the borough for 43 years. Frox, a women's clothing boutique, is celebrating its 20th year in Perkasie while Dragonflies owner Jessica Smalley will reach the decade milestone later this year.

Christine Seel, assistant professor of business and information management at Delaware Valley University, said Perkasie reflects a growing trend across the economy, with a significant increase in women-owned businesses over the last decade.

"Not only have more women struck out on their own by becoming self-employed, but the growth rate of women-owned businesses employing others far outpaces that of those owned by men," she said.

There are many theories why women might tend to dominate businesses in small towns like Perkasie, including a need to have the freedom to balance work with family responsibilities, access to dedicated funding, and special government programs and initiatives to encourage female entrepreneurship. But women business owners in

Perkasie say it mostly boils down to a sense of camaraderie and shared success among what Kelli Laustsen, owner of Bloom Flower Co., called “ a sisterhood of businesses.”

Recently appointed executive director of the Perkasie Towne Improvement Association, the borough’s business development group, Laustsen said she received a warm reception from other female entrepreneurs when she opened seven years ago. “I owe a lot of my success to the incredible support system of women-owned businesses in the borough,” she said. “We have a special woman-based community network that uplifts and empowers one another.”

Even before she took over PTIA in July, Laustsen made a point to collaborate as often as possible on special events that draw visitors to town. From special First Friday programs, seasonal offerings like the Shop Hop featuring more than a dozen businesses on April 1 to celebrate Easter, and an occasional Coffee with a Cop get-together at a local restaurant, “we’ve realized we are stronger together,” she said.

Cathy Weierbach, who will have operated Perkasie Florist in the borough for 29 years this October, agrees that with unity comes strength. She credits “a sense of family” and “small-town togetherness” to explain why Perkasie has such a strong concentration of successful women business owners.

“I think the more women businesses in an area the more they will attract more women in business,” said Weierbach. “The woman-owned businesses in town support each other and I think that shows strength among us that may attract other women.”

Wilson has already adopted that philosophy with Highly Mystical Creations, which offers crystals, incense, tarot, plants, and self-care products for well-being. She has an entire section in her store dedicated to products made by local female artisans.

“I am beyond grateful for my experience and all the support that I just want to follow the example and help as many other entrepreneurs myself,” said Wilson. “We want to give back to the community as much as the community supports one another.”

## **Woman-Owned Businesses in Perkasie Borough**

5th Street

Perkasie Florist

Be At Home Care

Audrey Fleck Functional Nutritionist

RADaKL Bodyworks

Vicki Lilley - Thrivent



Pizazz Hair Salon  
Market Street  
Per Diem Workspace  
Shine Yoga Center  
C & C Cafe  
KM Fitness & Nutrition  
Nourish Kitchen & Catering  
Ideal Bodyworks  
Painted Sprigs  
Pridmore Floral Designs  
6th Street  
Laurel Abstract Company  
Vita Essentials Salon  
7th Street  
Rise and Grind  
Bucks County Brittle & More  
Lillie's Threads  
Bloom Flower Co.  
The Hickory Stick  
Salon 33  
En Arabesque Dancewear  
Frox  
Bliss Salon  
Olde Towne Tanning  
7th Street Studios  
Chimayo Gallery  
Miss Cindy's School of Dance  
Treasure Trove  
Perkasie Dental Loft  
Walnut Street  
Mystic Ways Brewery  
Threddies  
Black Cat Collective  
Haasis Gluten Free Bakery  
Callowhill Street  
Dragonflies Healing Salon & Spa  
Highly Mystical Creations  
Dr. Caren's Complete Chiropractic

## **PERKASIE PIONEER**

One of the borough's first prominent women business owners was Lizzie Johnson, a Philadelphia-trained milliner who had worked at Strawbridge & Clothier in Philadelphia before she married and moved to Perkasio, where she opened French Millinery on Fifth Street in 1895.

The craft of millinery arts, or making hats and other headwear, was one of few professions considered a respectable business owned and operated by women in Victorian society.

Johnson frequently advertised her spring and fall sales in the newspaper, writing her own advertising copy. In 1901, she reminded shoppers that she did a cash-only business. "For there is no hen that scratches for nothing and neither do I," she warned debtors. And there was the reminder that "there is nothing to make a lady feel more delightful than if she has a beautiful stylish hat to wear on Easter morning."

In 1909, Johnson bluntly wrote about the hat business. "We have been in Perkasio for the last 14 years, and in these 14 years, we can give you the names of milliners that came in Perkasio and went out again. That shows that our work gave good satisfaction as our business is growing every season so much more. With all the opposition it always makes it so much better for us," she wrote in her spring ad.

For the next 21 years – a total of 35 years in business, Johnson fought off competition from other milliners, and eventually department stores, when hats and bonnets were a big deal in Perkasio. A month after her 1934 Easter sale, Johnson fell ill at her Fifth Street home and passed away from a stroke at the age of 66.

In August 1934, Miss Alta Landis acquired Johnson's business and reopened it as the Vogue Millinery Salon, which became the Vogue Shoppe at Sixth and Chestnut streets, one of Perkasio's more successful businesses.

Source: "Preserving Perkasio" by Scott Bomboy.

# Perkasie's Celtic Fest draws hundreds



A large crowd turned out for Saturday's Celtic Fest in downtown Perkasie. (John Worthington – MediaNews Group)

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PERKASIE — The streets of downtown Perkasie were buzzing with activity Saturday afternoon as the 2nd annual Upper Bucks Celtic Fest kicked off. Hundreds of community members came out to enjoy food, drinks, shopping, musical performances and more. Vendors lined 7th street from Arch Street down to Chestnut Street, selling everything from Celtic-themed apparel to homemade jewelry to aromatherapy putty. There were also a bevy of food options, including corned beef and cabbage, kettle corn, Jersey pickles and alcohol-infused chocolate, as well as several distilleries and a Rams Beer Garden.

The Fest also included several Celtic-themed musical performances by local bands. Wiren Violins, Hobnail and My Other Neighbor performed on the main stage, while Cosgrove Rovers, Penridge Rock U and Harmonic Curves performed on 7th street.

Additionally, the Rams Pint House featured live Celtic music and a special Celtic-themed menu, including corned beef and cabbage pierogies, Irish totchos, Guinness Irish stew and a Tipsy Leprechaun vodka drink.

# Perkasie museum named to National Register of Historic Places

Building was former Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley station



The Perkasio Historical Society Museum has been named to the National Register of Historic Places. (Courtesy of the Perkasio Historical Society)

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PERKASIE — The Perkasio Historical Society Museum has been named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Located at 513 W. Walnut S., the former Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley station was one of the properties chosen for the national registry by the National Park System's selection committee.

The process began more than 25 years ago when Donald Lederach, then Perkasio's Community and Economic Development Director and later vice president of the Perkasio Historical Society, successfully completed the initial Resource Survey, leading the National Registry to grant eligibility status in 1998. An additional nomination form was submitted by Scott Bomboy, now a Perkasio Borough councilman, in 2016.

In 2018, Louise Doll, vice president of the Perkasio Historical Society, submitted an Addendum Application with supportive documents and related information needed to move the application into the nomination and approval process. Then, in June 2022, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Board approved the nomination of the trolley station and recommended progression to the National Registry. Finally, on March 14, 2023, the Perkasio Historical Society received formal notification of the inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places.

Other National Registry designations in Perkasio are the 1832 South Perkasio Covered Bridge in Lenape Park and Perkasio Park on S. Ninth Street, which was selected in 2017.

The Lehigh Valley Transit Company built the late Victorian, one-story building in 1911 and 1912. Rugh & Lange, a prominent Lehigh Valley architectural firm, designed the station to serve the Liberty Bell trolley line. At the time, the trolley and railroad were in competition for transportation of people and goods to and from Philadelphia and Allentown.

The trolley station closed in 1951. In the following decades, a series of small businesses occupied the building until the Hartzell-Crouthamel American Legion Post 280 acquired it for meetings and social gatherings. In 1991, the Legion donated the building for \$1 to the Perkasio Historical Society to use as a local historical museum. In 2011, the museum was renovated to reflect its earlier role as a trolley station.

The society retained the integrity of the building, including the waiting room, ticket areas, windows and porch details. The historical society uses the building for displays and to house the organization's numerous collections. Rick Doll and Matt Lynch are the museum curators.

*For more information, visit [perkasiohistory.org](http://perkasiohistory.org).*