

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Eadie Burke James Boyer Nickole Collins Ray Conville Bill Delaney Joan Handy Richard Hendricks (arrived 7:15 PM) Harry McGonigal Randy Walck
Youth Councilor:	Harrison McGonigal (absent)
Mayor:	J. Robert Hunsicker
Interim Borough Manager:	Dr. Robert Romancheck
Police Chief:	Joe Gura
Public Facilities Director:	Phil Ivins
Borough Solicitor:	Ann Weiss
Press Representatives:	News Herald Morning Call Daily Intelligencer Bucks County Herald

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive. He asked Council to consider options for keeping the skatepark open such as volunteer "work days" where students could help clean up and repair the equipment.

Cody Schneider of South Perkasie Road asked why the Borough was considering closing the skatepark since it's a good place to skate.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman and Planning Commission Board member Rich Hendricks was not present at the time to give a report on the May 23rd meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for May 2007.

Other Business

Mr. Boyer asked Public Facilities Director Ivins to give an updated report on the status of

the trial windmill that was installed in Lenape Park with grant money.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for May 2007.

Councilman McGonigal thanked Phil Ivins for the work he and the Borough crews did on the pool. Mr. Ivins passed his thanks on to the staff of the Borough.

Skatepark Issues

Mr. McGonigal opened discussion on whether or not to close the skatepark permanently. He asked if there were any Park and Recreation Board members that would like to speak on the topic. Councilman Boyer suggested possibly turning the existing skatepark into a basketball or street hockey court. Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Brody reviewed revenues and expenditures for 2006 showing a loss of more than \$10,000 for the year. So far for 2007, it earned \$966 and paid out \$2,201 in payroll costs.

Councilwoman Nickole Collins asked why the Borough couldn't just improve what it has. Councilman McGonigal stated he felt the park should be an indoor facility that could be used year round simulating a street setting and include a food stand, big screened TV's, and have "top name" groups perform. It was suggested that the Borough form a committee of Councilmembers, Park and Recreation Board members, business community members, and adolescents and parents to figure out how to create a place the Borough's skateboarding population could use.

Other Business

Dr. Romancheck suggested amending Ordinance #901 regulating the hours collection of refuse from industrial and commercial property that can be collected to include violation for each offense.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for May 2007.

Use of Borough Facilities

The Committee discussed allowing outside organizations to use the Borough's public facilities for meetings. Dr. Romancheck stated the Borough has nothing on record regarding the use of public facilities. The Committee agreed they would like to pursue the idea. Dr. Romancheck stated he would draft a policy for consideration at the July committees meeting.

Establish Policy on Attendance of Borough Meetings

The Committee discussed establishing a policy for all Borough board members requiring them to attend a majority of Borough meetings or functions in order to retain their appointment. It was suggested that if a member had three unexcused absences in a year, the appointment would be reconsidered. Interim Manager Romancheck was asked to draft a policy for consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

Dr. Romancheck reported that final financial figures for the pool renovation should be forthcoming.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Website Proposals

The Committee reviewed three proposals from three website administrators. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Romancheck, the Committee agreed to select the Kayden Group to get the Borough's website updated and running. The matter will be placed on the June 18 for approval.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Other Business

There was no business to come before the Cable/Broadband Committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Other Business

Dr. Romancheck stated he was having a meeting with the Borough's current insurance carrier to discuss reducing health care costs for employees. He expects to have a proposal from Brown and Brown as well. Both proposals will be reviewed at the June 18 Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Boyer made reference to a request for a handicap parking sign on South 3rd Street. Police Chief Gura stated the police were looking into the situation and would respond accordingly.

Mr. Boyer announced that the Perkasio Menlo Pool will hold its Grand Opening Saturday, June 9, at 11:00 AM. There will be free admission for all who attend and free food for the first 300 visitors.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boyer announced Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary