

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
JULY 9, 2007**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Susan Murden of 541 Penny Lane was present asking Council to reopen the skatepark for skateboarders to skate.

Mayor J. Robert Hunsicker of 1115 Old Post Road asked Council to consider moving the Borough's concert series from Menlo Park to Lenape Park and to designate an area of land for a bandshell.

Present was Bill Hettel of 1211 W. Park Avenue. Mr. Hettel had questions regarding the Borough's 2006 audit, pool memberships, has the Borough been approached about joining a union, and congratulated Public Facilities Director Phil Ivins and his staff for a job well done at the Menlo Pool.

Present was Marc Friedrich of 300 W. Market Street. Mr. Friedrich stated he supports the skatepark and asked for an update on the Committee that was being formed to reopen it.

Tom McKay of 512 Waltham Lane stated his neighbor has sent numerous complaints to the Borough about him regarding violating the open space abutting both their properties. Mr. McKay stated the neighbor has even had the police called on him but yet he has done nothing wrong. Mr. Boyer stated the Borough would look into the matter further.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Hendricks reported that at the last Perkasie Planning Commission the development on Ridge Road, Valley View Manor, was tabled pending receipt of revised submission plans. The Perkasie Planning Commission also recommended approval of a zoning map change for Lippincott/Jacoby tract on Tunnel and Ridge Road.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Lippincott/Jacoby Rezoning Request

After reviewing a recommendation from the Perkasio Planning Commission regarding a rezoning request for the Lippincott/Jacoby tract, the Committee agreed to schedule a public hearing. An ordinance will be prepared approving the zoning map change and forwarded to the Bucks County Planning Commission and Perkasio Planning Commission for its review before a hearing can be scheduled.

Perkasio Olde Towne Association Under the Lights Car Show

The Committee reviewed a request from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association requesting permission to hold "The Under the Lights Car Show" Saturday, August 18, 2007 in downtown Perkasio. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the July 16, 2007 Council agenda.

Other Business

Councilman McGonigal addressed the skatepark issue brought up during public forum. He said there will be a meeting at the skatepark on July 23 at 7:30 PM to look at the equipment and discuss options on what to do regarding re-opening the park.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Use of Borough Facilities

The Committee discussed allowing outside organizations to utilize the Borough Hall meeting room for after hour's meetings. Interim Manager Romancheck recommended that there be "no policy" and to take requests on a case by case basis. The Committee concurred with the recommendation and put the matter on the July 16 Council meeting agenda.

Establish Policy on Attendance of Borough Meetings

The Committee discussed establishing a policy to require board members to attend most Borough meeting and events in order to retain the appointment. Mr. Boyer felt that Council did not have a policy on meeting attendance, that the various boards should not either. He felt each board should deal with the matter separately. It was recommended that the Citizen Board Application be revised to include that Park and Recreation Board members must be willing to attend a majority of Borough sponsored events. The

Committee agreed to place the matter on the July 16 Council meeting agenda.

Reimburse for Tuition Request

The Committee reviewed two requests for tuition reimbursement from Officers Hillias and DeLia. Committee members asked for clarification on Sgt. Hillias' attendance at the FBI and his course work at DeSales University. Dr. Romancheck stated he would check with the Police Chief and have the information available for the next meeting. Approvals for both reimbursements will be placed on the July 16 Council meeting agenda.

Sexual Misconduct Policy

The Committee reviewed a model Sexual Misconduct Policy prepared by the Borough's insurance company. The Committee recommended that the policy be incorporated into the current Harassment Policy in the Employee Work Rules. The matter will be placed on the July 16 Council meeting agenda.

Other Business

Councilman McGonigal asked the Manager Dr. Romancheck if the Borough has been approached by the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW) asking employees if they wanted to join the union. Dr. Romancheck stated the Borough has had no such contact.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

Councilman McGonigal addressed Mr. Hettel's questions asked during public forum regarding the audit and the pool.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Mr. McGonigal reported that the new Menlo Pool facility has increased economic development in the Borough since it is bringing more people into the community and around town.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Dr. Romancheck reported that he received a proposal to lower health care costs from the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust. The proposal would eliminate the four current plans and consolidate to one plan. The Committee agreed to place approval of the plan on the July 16 Council agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor asked, and Council concurred, that the concerts in Menlo Park be moved to Lenape Park to better accommodate the people who attend it.

Mr. Hendricks asked for a cost breakdown of revenues and expenses to date for the pool project.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary