



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Session
March 21, 2017

Welcome

The Ridley Park Borough Council met in Regular Session on the above date in Council Chambers of Ridley Park Borough Hall with Council President Bob Berger presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eberle led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan – Present
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Present
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Present
Councilor Mike Gale – Present
Councilor Jim Glenn - Present
Council Vice President Samantha Snow – Absent
Mayor Hank Eberle – Present
Council President Bob Berger – Present

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held February 21, 2017. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions or comments from Council motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the minutes from March 7, 2017 Workshop Meeting. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Motion: to approve Joseph Chambers, Marianne Didomenico, Jason Golden as Part Time Police Officers for the Borough of Ridley Park. Motion to accept the officers by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Eberle performed the swearing in of each officer.

Mayor Eberle provided comments on the heroin drug problem.

The Mayor had a plaque giving to him by someone who found it from troupe 452 boy scouts; he is trying to find the owner.

The Mayor asked that people please do not feed the geese at the lake.

The Mayor talked about March being Colon Cancer Awareness Month and the importance of colonoscopy. Mr. Brennan mentioned how important they are as well.

Mayor Eberle found money on Russell and Morton Avenue if someone claims it he will return it otherwise he will give the money to the church.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report was made by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Brennan.
With no questions or comments from Council the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Planning Commission – No business.

Zoning - had no activity.

Code Enforcement – Mike Gale read report. Mr. Gale indicated there was a question about the Shade Tree Ordinance, who is enforcing the shade tree permit process? Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio indicated that there is already a process for the enforcement of ordinances, but rather research needed to be done for a process of eliminating hazardous trees in the borough.

Motion to accept Planning and Zoning by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Broadhurst.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Police: Chief Frazier wanted to let residents know there is a new police website and new social media page. Chief Frazier provided monthly report. The Chief thanked Mr. Glenn for helping in getting a grant for new portable breathalyzers and tasers, they were able to be purchased at no cost to the residents.

Fire: Chief Eckenrode provided the monthly report.

Board of Health - Meeting tomorrow night 3/22/17

Emergency Management – The committee for redoing the snow emergency routes for next year will be meeting.

Motion to accept Public Safety by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Vice President Snow.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

Telecommunications – Replacement DVD player is ordered.

Barnstormers – American Idiot is currently playing. 17-18 season to be announced. Zumba is Saturday at 10 am.

Seniors, no report – 35th anniversary lunch for the senior group will be Thursday March 23rd at noon. Mr. Brennan thanked everyone involved with the planning and donations. President Berger indicated he missed thanking the Borough's donation and indicated everyone is working together.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Gale.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Resources (Vice President Samantha Snow)

Recreation Board – no activity

Recycling/Trash - Reminder tomorrow yard waste pick up. Meeting with the recycling company is set to discuss different concerns. Electronics recycling is set for April 29, 2017 at St James School from 9 am to 1 pm. Recycling bins will be for sale that day for \$15 each.

School Board – no activity.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Property (Councilor Shellie Endriss—Dalessio)

Highway Department – Worked on snow removal. Mayor Eberle indicated the highway department did a great job on snow removal. Mr. Brennan indicated there should be a contingency plan if someone is out sick or a truck breaks down.

Business Association – Easter egg Hunt April 9th at 1 pm.

Ridley Park Athletic Club – Softball and baseball seasons have started.

Shade Tree – Arbor Day is coming up and Lake Clean up is April 22 from 9 am to 11 am. Will be working on Stewart Avenue entrance to Ridley Park and make it nice and clean up.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Glenn and second by Vice President Snow.

Comment: Mr. Glenn said what a great job the highway department did with snow removal.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Library Board – Report read.

Historical Commission – no report.

Historical Society – no report.

HARB Committee – Two certificates of appropriateness.

SORA Meeting to be announced.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Brennan and second by Vice President Snow. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Finance and Personnel (President Berger)

Finance – Accounts payable tonight in the amount of \$137,815.82. There has been a zero property tax increase for the last four years. Audit for the borough is complete and will be presented on April 18, 2017 meeting.

Main Streets - Next meeting March 28th at 6:30 at Casey's.

CDCA – Cancelled because of the snow.

Grants – Bonnes Park grant is moving forward.

Personnel – Borough Manager interviews are still on going. There will be a motion to approve a full time administrative clerk, Colleen Scattolini.

Grants – Bonnes Park continues to be worked on.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Vice President Snow.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports

Engineer – Hillside Road update and there will be a 3rd party review. Motion to accept Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor – No report.

Public Comment

Nina Walls, 502 Harrison Street, talked about the redevelopment.

Sue McAtee, 18 Partridge Avenue, asked about yard waste.

Andy Furman, 419 Pomeroy Street, Tax increase question.

Mike Dougherty, 315 Burke Avenue, asked a bridge question over the railroad and a question about the sign next to the railroad.

Dawn Vitale, 422 Bartlett Avenue, asked a question about snow removal on her street.

Action Items

***Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning in the amount of \$137,815.82. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve the hiring of Colleen Scattolini as full time office administrative clerk. Mr. Broadhurst and Mr. Brennan abstained from the vote. Conversation ensued. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 2 abstentions and 0 no, motion carries.

***Motion:** to approve the refinancing of the General Obligation Note for the Police Station. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve Strobert Tree Services Inc. in the amount of \$7,300.00. The motion was made by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Mr. Gale. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve and designate Berkheimer Associates as collector of delinquent Per Capita Taxes for the borough of Ridley Park for the year 2016. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve McCormick Taylor Inc. as 3rd party consultant on the Hillside road project as condition of the state grant, in the lump sum payment of \$5,000.00. The motion was made by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Vice President Snow. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve Docket Number 2017-001 – 408 E. Ridley Ave., porch replacement recommended this was a historic preservation award winner. Applicant to replace porch decking, railings, and newel posts to match existing. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

*Motion: to approve Docket Number 2017-002 – 206 Cresswell Street, replace existing wood plank decking with 4” wide wood plank decking. We will be using existing joists, railings, and posts. Current decking is painted grey. We will leave Ipe material, which is reddish brown that fades to grey over time. HARB recommends approval with the following changes: porch deck material must be a tongue and groove product. Ipe is ok, if it is a tongue and groove plank. Railing ok to retain. Any other changes the homeowner must come before HARB for review.

Old Business

Mr. Broadhurst read a letter from PJ Dolan.

New Business

Mr. Brennan asked Chief Frazier about a job at 400 E. Ridley Avenue.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Glenn second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila M. Glenn, Chairperson of Telecommunications Advisory Committee