



**Borough of Ridley Park  
Council Regular Meeting  
May 17, 2016**

**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 reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Junior Councilor Adam Adelsburg - Present  
Councilor Jared Brennan – Absent – due to a work commitment  
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Absent – due to a business trip  
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio - Present  
Councilor Mike Gale - Present  
Councilor Holly O'Mahoney - Present  
Councilor Samantha Snow - Present  
Mayor Hank Eberle - Present  
Council President Bob Berger - Present

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Motion: to approve the minutes for the Biennial Organization Meeting held January 4, 2016. The motion was made by Mrs. Snow and seconded by Ms. O'Mahoney. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)**

Mayor Eberle reported on the following successful events:

- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Clean-up sponsored by the CRC Watersheds was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Arbor Day Celebration to rededicate the Champion Hickory Tree was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>

- Library Book and Bake Sale was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Trout Tournament sponsored by the Ridley Park Athletic Association was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Borough Wide Yard Sale was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report was made Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mrs. O'Mahoney. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)**

Councilor Mike Gale reported on the following:

- Planning Commission – discussion about the two (2) vacancies on the Board.
- Zoning Hearing Board - scheduled to meet on 05/19/2016 to hear a variance request for a front yard fence at 307 East Ridley Avenue.
- Code Enforcement –monthly report from Commonwealth Code Enforcement is attached.

Motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Report was made Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mrs. O'Mahoney. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Safety (Councilor Holly O'Mahoney)**

Councilor Holly O'Mahoney reported on the following:

- Police Department Report – the report for the month of April 2016 was delivered by Chief Frazier and a copy is attached.
- Fire Department Report – no report was submitted from the VFD this month.
- Board of Health – Councilor O'Mahoney shared information about stroke identification; lupus disease; skin cancer awareness; mental health awareness; West Nile Virus prevention; and anti-smoking.

Motion to accept the Public Safety Report was made Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mrs. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)**

Councilor Brennan, who was absent from this meeting, did not submit a Communications Report.

**Recreation (Councilor Samantha Snow)**

Councilor Samantha Snow reported on the following:

- Recreation Board – two (2) openings exist on the Recreation Board. Anyone interesting in serving should submit a Letter of Interest to Borough Hall.
- Recycling/Trash – scheduled to meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to review Recycling Mascot contest submissions.
- School Board – Ridley Girls Swim team was named as an All-American Scholar Team and Ridley Boys Swimmer Michael Dolan was named as an Academic All-American.

Motion to accept the Recreation Report was made Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mr. Gale. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**Parks & Properties (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)**

Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio reported on the following:

- Highway Department – residents are reminded to report all pot-holes to Borough Hall or the website to be repaired.
- Ridley Park Business Association – no upcoming meetings scheduled at this time.
- Ridley Park Athletic Club – held their annual Trout Tournament on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Shade Tree Committee – no quorum this month, however the Arbor Day Ceremony was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to accept the Parks & Properties Report was made Mrs. O'Mahoney and seconded by Mrs. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)**

Councilor Mike Gale delivered the report in Councilor Broadhurst's absence:

- Library Board – the report for April 2016 was prepared by Library Director Mary-Alice Walsh and a copy is attached.
- Historical Commission – no new business
- Historical Society – waiting on bids for the restoration of the crossing guard shelter.
- H.A.R.B. Committee – no quorum this month.

Motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mrs. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Finance & Personnel (Council President Bob Berger)**

President Bob Berger reported on the following:

- Contracts – new healthcare programs for Borough employees began April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Personnel – Civil Service Commission is administering Promotional Testing for the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Police Department.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park – next meeting scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in Casey's. Farmer's Market begins on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.
- CDCA – met on May 10<sup>th</sup> to finalize financing for the infrastructure.
- Grants – Public Meeting for the Hillside Road Pedestrian Improvements project was held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting will be June 7<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with our Workshop Meeting.

Motion to accept the Finance & Personnel Report was made Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mrs. O'Mahoney. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Administration Reports**

#### **Manager's Report (William Stewart)**

Manager Stewart had nothing to report for this evening.

#### **Engineer's Report (Charles Catania, Jr. PE)**

Engineer Catania advised that his report for this month was submitted and a copy is attached.

#### **Solicitor's Report (Ernest Angelos, ESQ)**

Solicitor Angelos had nothing to report for this evening.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- 05/18/2016 @ ALL DAY – Yard Waste Collection (Borough Wide)
- 05/18/2016 @ 7:30 PM – Historic Commission (BH)
- 05/23/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Trash & Recycling Committee (BH)
- 05/24/2016 @ 1:00 PM – Senior Book Club (BH)
- 05/25/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Board of Health (BH)
- 05/25/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Planning Commission (BH)

- 05/26/2016 @ 7:00 PM – H.A.R.B. (BH)
- 05/30/2016 @ ALL DAY – Memorial Day (Borough Office Closed – No Trash)
- 05/30/2016 @ 10:00 AM – Memorial Day Service (Veterans Park)
- 06/01/2016 @ ALL DAY – Yard Waste Collection (Borough Wide)
- 06/06/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Trash & Recycling Committee (BH)
- 06/07/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (BH)

### **Public Comment**

#### **Andrew Furman, 419 Pomeroy Street**

Mr. Furman reviewed the deficit shown in the 2015 Financial Report and intended to ask specific questions about the root cause of the funding shortage. Considering that Council has not been briefed by the auditors regarding the 2015 findings, Mr. Furman was requested to table his questions until the June Workshop Meeting (06/07/2016).

### **Action Items**

- **Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 04/01/2016 through 04/30/2016 in the amount of \$135,182.18. The motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mrs. O'Mahoney. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcement**

Representatives from Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP will be attending the June Workshop Meeting (06/07/2016) to present an overview of the 2015 Annual Audit and Financial Report.

### **Old Business**

Councilor Mike Gale requested that the Borough's Financial Statement for 2015 be posted on the Borough's website.

### **New Business**

Councilor Holly O'Mahoney announced her intention to resign from her position on Borough Council. President Berger advised that the procedure to fill this vacancy will be discussed at the 06/07/2016 Workshop Meeting and action to accept her resignation will be taken at the 06/22/2016 Regular Meeting.

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**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mrs. O'Mahoney. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
William Stewart  
Borough Manager  
06/17/2016