



**Borough of Ridley Park  
Council Regular Meeting  
June 21, 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**

Councilor Jared Brennan – Present  
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Present  
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio - Present  
Councilor Mike Gale - Present  
Councilor Holly O'Mahoney - Present  
Councilor Samantha Snow - Present  
Mayor Hank Eberle – Absent (Vacation)  
Council President Bob Berger - Present

**Presentation:**

Councilor Samantha Snow to recognize the following winners of the Recycling Mascot contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Armin Rahman (Recy Ridley)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Vinnie Russo (Recycle Rick)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sarah Backer (Stan the Can)
- Honorable Mention – Paige Knowles (Dom the Dumpster)

Certificates of appreciation was issued to each winner. Armin and Vinnie were present to accept.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

- **Motion:** to approve the minutes for the Council Workshop Meeting held May 3, 2016. The motion was made by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Mr. Brennan. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held May 17, 2016. The motion was made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to approve the minutes for the Council Workshop Meeting held June 7, 2016. The motion was made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

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

No Mayor's report due to his vacation.

**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. A motion to fill the vacancies will be made later in this meeting.
- Zoning Hearing Board – met on 05/19/2016 to hear a variance request for a front yard fence at 307 East Ridley Avenue. The request for variance was denied by the ZHB.
- Code Enforcement –monthly report from Commonwealth Code Enforcement is attached.

Motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Report was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. President Berger objected to Mr. Gale's intention to nominate an individual to serve on the Planning Commission who was not recommended by the Commission. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed 6-1 with President Berger opposing the report.

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

Councilor Holly O'Mahoney reported on the following:

- Police Department Report – the report for the month of May 2016 was delivered by Chief Frazier and a copy is attached.
- Fire Department Report – the report for the month of May 2016 was delivered by Ms. Donkin and copy is attached.
- Board of Health – Councilor O'Mahoney shared information on the following topics: June is National Safety Month; extreme heat watch; distracted driving; and West Nile Virus.

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

**Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)**

Councilor Brennan reported no new business with telecommunications; Barnstormers; and/or the Seniors Groups. Motion to accept the Communications Report was made by Mr. Broadhurst and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**Recreation (Councilor Samantha Snow)**

Councilor Samantha Snow reported on the following:

- Recreation Board – the Summer Playground Program is underway. A motion to appoint a new member of the Recreation Board will be made later in the meeting. Planning for the Independence Weekend festivities is underway.
- Recycling/Trash – cardboard is recyclable and accounts for a significant tonnage credit each year. Recycling containers have been ordered and will be available for purchase in a few weeks.
- School Board – Eagle Scouts, All-American swim team and retiring teachers were all recognized that the most recent School Board Meeting.

Motion to accept the Recreation Report was made Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Ms. O'Mahoney. 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 – grass-cutting operations are underway and the Public Works has identified a need for a new mower.
- Ridley Park Business Association – no upcoming meetings scheduled at this time.
- Ridley Park Athletic Club – the 8 and under Girl's Softball team was recognized for being undefeated this year.
- Shade Tree Committee – is in the process of marking trees in Eastlake Park for pruning needs or hazard removal. Manager Stewart advised that tree work in Eastlake Park will be prioritized in order to completed prior eliminate any tree hazards prior to the Independence Weekend festivities.
- Crossing Guard Gazebo – the union trades have agreed to paint the structure as part of their community outreach program at no cost to the Borough.

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 Dan Broadhurst reported on the following:

- Library Board – the report for May 2016 was prepared by Library Director Mary-Alice Walsh and a copy is attached. The Board continues to request to expand the Library Board to 9-members.
- Historical Commission – Dan Broadhurst and Keith Lockhart have become new members of the Historical Commission.
- H.A.R.B. Committee – meet to review the appropriateness of repair work being performed at two historic houses in the Borough. The details of these repairs will be incorporated in the approved permits being issued through Code Enforcement.

Motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Gale. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

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

President Bob Berger reported on the following:

- Accounts Payable in the amount of \$132,841.41 will be approved later in this meeting.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park – the 6<sup>th</sup> Season of the RP Farmer's Market is ongoing. Main Streets is planning for the Rubber Ducky Regatta in September (in coordination with 5K Run in the Park sponsored by Headstrong).
- CDCA – met on June 14<sup>th</sup> to focus in EDU reduction.
- Grants – design for the Hillside Road Pedestrian Improvements is ongoing (construction scheduled to begin in the Summer 2017). Bids for the Bonnes Park Improvements has been received. A new leaf collection system in the amount of \$226K was recently awarded by the PA DEP.

Motion to accept the Finance & Personnel Report was made Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Ms. Snow. Councilor Broadhurst provided an overview of the current budget finances. President Berger reminded Council that finances for 2016 (and future years) will be greatly benefited by the savings associated with contracts with the labor unions and trash contracts. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Administration Reports**

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

Manager Stewart provided a quick overview of his work over the past 12-months working as the Borough Manager.

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

Engineer Catania advised that his report for the month of May was submitted and a copy is attached. Mr. Catania provided a detailed overview of the upcoming MS4 permit process.

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

Solicitor Angelos provided an update on the sale of the Crozer-Keystone Health System (which includes Taylor Hospital).

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- 07/20/2016 @ ALL DAY – Yard Waste Collection (Borough Wide)
- 07/20/2016 @ 7:30 PM – Historic Commission (BH)

- 07/21/2016 @ 4:00 PM – Farmer’s Market at Borough Hall
- 07/25/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Trash & Recycling Committee (BH)
- 07/26/2016 @ 1:00 PM – Senior Citizen’s Book Club (BH)
- 07/27/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Planning Commission (BH)
- 07/28/2016 @ 4:00 PM – Farmer’s Market at Borough Hall
- 07/28/2016 @ 7:00 PM – H.A.R.B. (BH)
- 08/02/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (BH)

**Public Comment**

**Len Pinto, 621 Gilbert Road**

Mr. Pinto addressed Council regarding the process that the Planning Commission used to vet candidates seeking appointment to the Commission. Mr. Pinto is confident that the Commission made the recommendation for the most qualified individuals and requests that Council takes action to follow their recommendation.

**Steve Valerio, 231 Henderson Road**

Mr. Valerio questioned if Mr. Brennan would be attending meetings for the Telecommunications Committee. Mr. Brennan advised that his work schedule would prevent him from attending these meetings.

**Mike Cruz, 201 West duPont Street**

Mr. Cruz thanked Ms. O’Mahoney for her service on Borough Council and asked Council to follow State (Borough) Code in filling this vacancy.

**Action Items**

- **Motion:** to accept the low bid of \$214,00.00 from Frania, Inc. to complete the CDBG – Bonnes Park Improvements project. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Mr. Brennan. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to make appointment of Richard Guerra to the Recreation Board with a term to expire 12/31/2017. The motion was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Mr. Brennan. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to make the appointment of Richard Conner to the Planning Commission with a term to expire 12/31/2017. The roll call vote was as follows:  
Councilor Jared Brennan – Nay  
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Nay

Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Yea  
Councilor Mike Gale – Nay  
Councilor Holly O'Mahoney – Yea  
Councilor Samantha Snow – Yea  
Council President Bob Berger - Yea  
Motion passed 4 yea to 3 nay.

- **Motion:** to make the appointment of Brian Reagan to the Planning Commission with a term to expire 12/31/2019. The roll call vote was as follows:  
Councilor Jared Brennan – Yea  
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Yea  
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Yea  
Councilor Mike Gale – Yea  
Councilor Holly O'Mahoney – Yea  
Councilor Samantha Snow – Yea  
Council President Bob Berger - Yea  
Motion passed 7 yea to 0 nay.
- **Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 05/01/2016 through 05/31/2016 in the amount of \$132,841.41. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to approve Ordinance to amend Chapter 115, Section 22 to update the 1987 Solid Waste Authority agreement with the DCSWA. The motion was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to approve Ordinance to amend the “killed-in-service” provision and the “survivor benefits” provisions for the police pension fund to comply with Act 51 of 2009. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to accept the resignation of Councilor Holly O'Mahoney effective June 21, 2016. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Mr. Broadhurst and President Berger discussed the procedure to be followed for filling the vacancy created by Ms. O'Mahoney's resignation. Letters of interest should be

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directed to President Berger with a courtesy copy to the Borough Manager. To date, Mary Pat King and Jim Glenn have submitted letters.

**New Business**

Mr. Gale objected to manner in which the motions were made to fill vacancies in the Planning Commission.

**Executive Session**

President Berger announced that Council would convene in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter immediately following this meeting.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Ms. Snow. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully prepared by:  
William Stewart  
Borough Manager  
07/17/2016