



Borough of Ridley Park Council Regular Meeting July 21, 2015

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 Dan Broadhurst - Present
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio - Present
Councilor Jim Glenn - Present
Councilor Paul Mattus - Present
Councilor Holly O'Mahoney - Absent
Councilor Samantha Snow - Present
Mayor Hank Eberle - Present
Council President Bob Berger - Present

Presentations

Motion to appoint Lindsay Barton to the position of Part-time Patrol Officer with the Ridley Park Police Department. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to Ms. Barton, with her mother and father as witnesses.

Motion to appoint Vincent Matthew Pinto to the position of Part-time Patrol Officer with the Ridley Park Police Department. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to Mr. Pinto, with his mother and father as witnesses.

Motion to appoint Christopher Michael Signore to the position of Part-time Patrol Officer with the Ridley Park Police Department. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to Mr. Signore, with his father as witness.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held June 16, 2015. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Council Workshop Meeting held July 7, 2015. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Mayor Eberle commended the fire, police and public works department for their cleanup efforts during the severe rain/wind storm on June 23-24, 2015. He also noted that PECO crews, with support from outside agencies, restored power quickly to our Borough residents.

Mayor Eberle noted that due to safety reasons, the pedestrian bridge at Hillside Road is closed. The pedestrian bridge will remain closed until repairs can be made.

Mayor Eberle recognized Ms. Dunn and members of the Recreation Board for their efforts in planning the Independence Day parade and community activities on July 4, 2015. He also thanked Mr. Glenn for his help with managing the games for the children. On July 5, 2015, the car show was a huge success with over 90 cars on display. The Mayor thanked Mr. and Ms. Dallessio for organizing this event. Finally, a special thank you to Schaefer Pyrotechnics for giving Ridley Park the best fireworks display in the area. The Mayor received nothing but compliments about the fireworks for many days following the event.

Mayor Eberle shared a story about an American flag that was blown off the pole in the business district, but rescued and returned to the Borough by the owner of the Gas Light Restaurant.

Mayor Eberle noted that he recently purchased a cup of lemonade from a neighborhood stand. This purchase reminded him about the first time he meet his new neighbor. The day she moved-in, she told the Mayor that although he probably did not remember, he bought lemonade from her stand 18-years prior when she was a small child.

A motion to accept the Mayor's Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel (Councilor Paul Mattus)

Three (3) part-time patrol officers were sworn-in this evening. It is the Borough's intent to appoint three (3) more part-time patrol officers at the next Regular Meeting of council.

Mr. Mattus advised that a mid-year budget review is underway. Mr. Mattus requested that all committee chairs review their expenditures to date.

Mr. Mattus advised that action to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$439,557.46 would be taken at this meeting. Mr. Mattus noted that this month's AP includes a \$286,002.25 payment to the Central Delaware County Authority for our 3rd quarter sewer fee.

Mr. Mattus reported that he attended the Shade Tree Committee meeting this month and discussed the TreeVitalize Pruning Grant.

Mr. Mattus noted that the Philadelphia Inquirer published an article regarding police pension funding that reported Ridley Park as being over 100% funded in their plan. Collective Bargaining with the FOP is ongoing with a contract renewal scheduled for January 1, 2016.

A motion to accept the Finance/Personnel Report was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Holly O'Mahoney)

In the absence of Ms. O'Mahoney, Ms. Endriss-Dalessio delivered the Public Safety report.

Police Department - Report for the month of June 2015 was delivered by Corporal Robert Frazier (OIC) and a copy is attached.

Fire Department – Report for the month of June 2015 was delivered by Ned Donkin (Fire Chief) and a copy is attached. Chief Donkin noted that the fire hydrant at the intersection of Crum Lynne & Gilbert was painted (decorated) by a resident. The Chief noted the following about this action: the new paint scheme will make it more difficult to find the hydrant in the case of an emergency; the hook-ups are painted certain colors to indicate the type of hose connection; and the hydrant belongs to Aqua. The Chief

notified Aqua to repaint the hydrant accordingly and advised Council that the cost to repaint the hydrant may be passed on to the Borough. The fire department is sponsoring a Nelson's BBQ fundraiser scheduled for July 29th. Also, local business discount cards are still for sale priced at \$10.00. President Berger commented that the hydrant at Sellers & Riverview was being installed and thanked Chief Donkin for assisting with the placement of the hydrant at the proper location.

Manager Stewart provided an update on the purchase of the new 2015 Dodge Charger from Videon Dodge. The vehicle is expected to be in service prior to the next meeting of Council.

Ms. O'Mahoney advised that cleanup of storm debris from the June 23, 2015 heavy rain/high wind event is 100% complete.

Ms. O'Mahoney advised that cleanup of the fuel spill that occurred on July 6, 2015 from Ridley Township into Stony Creek is nearly complete. Residents living along the banks of Stony Creek are asked to report any odor issues to the Borough office.

Ms. O'Mahoney reminded residents that mosquito spraying will occur every Wednesday evening through October.

A motion to accept the Public Safety Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Parks & Properties (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Mr. Glenn was unable to attend the Shade Tree Committee meeting, but was briefed about the TreeVitalize Pruning Grant opportunity. The Borough intends to submit for this grant, which has a July 30, 2015 submittal deadline.

Mr. Glenn reported that the HARB Committee did not meet this month, however two home restorations are currently ongoing (Ward Street & Ridley Avenue). HARB is scheduled to meet on July 23, 2015.

Mr. Glenn read a letter from Mr. Olander of West Ridley Avenue dated July 9, 2015, which complemented the hard work and perseverance of the highway department for the storm cleanup. The Public Works Department will be invited to an upcoming Council meeting for formal recognition.

Mr. Glenn reported that mosquito-spraying service (for a charge) is available for surrounding communities.

A motion to accept the Parks & Properties Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. Mr. Broadhurst inquired whether the house on

West Ridley Avenue would be single family or an apartment unit. Mr. Glen advised the restoration work was being performed to accommodate single family living. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Resources (Councilor Samantha Snow)

Ms. Snow delivered the Library Report as submitted by Mary Alice Walsh (Library Director) and a copy is attached which outlines upcoming events sponsored by the Ridley Park Library. Of special significance, the Friends of the Ridley Park Library will receive the 2015 Phyllis S. Larson Award for Outstanding Citizen for Libraries from the Delaware County Library System. The award will be presented at the County Council meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Courthouse. Congratulations to the Friends Group on their selection for this award and may thanks for their dedication and commitment to the library.

A motion to accept the Community Resources Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. Mr. Glenn commented that some very nice aerial photos of the fireworks display were captured and shared with the Borough. Please visit the Borough's FaceBook page to see these images. Mr. Glenn also thanked the residents that participated in the spreading of mulch around the Borough's pocket gardens. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Telecommunications Committee did not meet this month. Meetings will resume in September.

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Ridley Park Business Association is still on summer-break, therefore did not meet this month.

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Ridley Park Athletic Club is preparing for the start of football and cheerleading later this month.

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Barnstormers group is rehearsing for their upcoming production of Rocky Horror Picture Show.

A motion to accept the Communications Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Mr. Broadhurst reported that the Ridley School Board met on July 6, 2015 and provided an overview of the discussion at this meeting.

Mr. Broadhurst reported the Historical Preservation Award winners would be announced at the Victorian Fair.

A motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. Manager Stewart commented that representatives from Ridley High School's Homecoming Committee requested to attend the Regular Council Meeting (August 18, 2015) to present the details about a parade. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning (Council President Bob Berger)

President Berger reported that at their June meeting, the Planning Commission discussed the appeal of the Baldwin Avenue lot line change. The Borough's solicitor will provide additional details about this appeal during his report. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7 PM.

President Berger reported there is no current business in front of the Zoning Hearing Board.

President Berger reported that the 2015 season for the Farmer's Market is underway. Philly Magazine has recognized the Ridley Park Farmer's Market as one of the Best of the (Su)Burbs. The next meeting of the Main Streets of Ridley Park will be July 28, 2015 at 6 PM in Casey's Restaurant. Residents interested in joining the Main Streets organization are welcomed to attend the next meeting. Vendor packages for the 2015 Fall Festival are available online. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 11, 2015.

President Berger reported that at the June 9, 2015 meeting of the Central Delaware County Authority (CDCA), discussion focused on getting accurate EDU counts to assure that all new construction projects and new laterals be included in the planning modules and approved by the CDCA. The sewer authority also met with representatives from DELCORA to discuss 2016 budget constraints.

A motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. Mr. Broadhurst questioned if the schedule of events would be modified to eliminate the gap in time from the end of the 5K run to the start of other community activities. President Berger confirmed that schedule changes are being made. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Administration Reports

Manager's Report (William Stewart)

Manager Stewart provided Council with an update on the Borough's response to several Right-to-Know requests, as well as some open Code Enforcement issues currently being addressed.

Manager Stewart briefed Council on the preparation and submittal of costs associated with the June 23, 2015 storm event for possible reimbursement from PEMA under the PA Public Disaster Assistance Grant.

Manager Stewart briefed Council on the reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that will be required beginning in January 2016.

Manager Stewart provided Council with an overview of the price proposals received from landscape contractor's to perform the installation of "playground chips" around the new play-set at Hetzel Park. Manager Stewart made a recommendation to award the work to Martin Lawn Service at a price of \$5,700.00. Martin not only provided the lowest bid price, but is available to begin the work immediately.

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

Mr. Catania delivered the Engineer's Report dated July 21, 2015 and a copy is attached. Mr. Catania highlighted the following: Hillside Road project; Bonnes Park Improvements; sanitary sewer repairs at 401 Chester Pike; Sellers Avenue Bridge sidewalk closure; repairs to the Hillside Road pedestrian bridge; and repairs to the fountain in the lake.

Solicitor's Report (Ernest Angelos, ESQ)

Mr. Angelos delivered the solicitor's report which highlighted the following: advertisement of the revised floodplain ordinance; update on land use appeal litigation with the Rosetree Investors; and a settlement agreement with Baldwin Investors Group on the lot line adjustment change at Baldwin Avenue.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- 07/22/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Planning Commission (BH)
- 07/23/2015 @ 4:00 PM – Farmer's Market (BH)
- 07/23/2015 @ 7:00 PM – H.A.R.B. Meeting (BH)
- 08/04/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (BH)

Public Comment

Michael Gale, 51 Collier Circle

Mr. Gale thanked Council for the update on the landscape work around the play-set at Hetzel Park.

Mr. Gale inquired about the status of Hillside Road Pedestrian Improvements project. He questioned if a Public Meeting would be scheduled, which President Berger responded that a meeting will likely be held in the Fall of this year. Mr. Gale asked if the existing pedestrian bridge will remain permanently closed, which Engineer Catania responded that the existing bridge will be repaired and reopened. Mr. Gale asked if the existing silt basin (clean-out) would be impacted by the sidewalk proposed for the new project, which Engineer Catania responded that silt basin would not be affected by the new sidewalk.

Mr. Gale inquired about the bidding process associated with the purchase of the new police car from Videon Dodge, which Mr. Glenn responded that the purchase was made through the COSTARS program. [COSTARS is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperative purchasing program and serves as a conduit through which registered and eligible local public procurement units \(LPPUs\) and state-affiliated entities \(Members\) are able to leverage contracts established by DGS to cost effectively and efficiently identify suppliers with whom to do business.](#)

Mr. Gale requested consideration that Hetzel Park be included into the TreeVitalize Pruning Grant, which Mr. Glenn responded that priority would Recreation Park (ABC Field) due to the large number of trees requiring attention at this location. Manager Stewart remarked that the Public Works Department is currently performing tree removal/trimming work in Hetzel Park.

Andrew Furman, 419 Pomeroy Street

Mr. Furman questioned if the purchase of both the new police car and vehicle upfit equipment was part of the COSTARS program, which Mr. Glenn responded he believes that to be the case. President Berger advised that a definite answer would be provided at next meeting. Mr. Furman questioned the process of making a capital purchase without a formal bidding process, which Mr. Mattus commented is the reason the COSTARS program exists. In Mr. Furman's opinion, the purchase should have been a competitive bid process. President Berger advised that Mr. Furman's time allotment had been exhausted and respectfully requested that he return to his seat. Mr. Furman objected that most of his time was used by Manager Stewart's explanation of COSTARS purchases, but his request for additional time to address Council was denied.

Motions and Resolutions

Mr. Glenn read the following motions:

Motion to appoint William Stewart (Borough Manager) as the Open Records Officer for Ridley Park Borough. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Paul Mattus. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$439,557.46. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. Mr. Glenn commented that he would abstain from the vote due to the approval of payment to H&H Heating & Air Conditioning for repair work at Borough Hall. Manager Stewart commented that the accounts payable is higher than usual due to the payment of \$286,002.25 to the Central Delaware County Authority for our 3rd quarter sewer fee. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion carried 6-0, with an abstention from Mr. Glenn due to a family connection with H&H Heating & Air Conditioning.

Motion to appoint Susan McAtee as the Deputy Tax Collector for Ridley Park Borough. 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 advertisement of the revised floodplain ordinance. 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

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

New Business

Motion to allow the Solicitor to execute a settlement agreement with Baldwin Investors Group on the lot line adjustment change at Baldwin Avenue. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Mr. Mattus. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the award of landscape work (installation of playground chips around the new play-set) at Hetzel Park to Martin Lawn Service at a bid price of \$5,700.00. The motion was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Mr. Glenn. Mr. Mattus requested a clarification on the scope of work, which was provided by Manager Stewart. Scope of work includes: stripping sod; leveling mulch beds; install wooden timbers around the existing swing; install wooden timbers around the new play-set; place weed barrier in both mulch beds; and place certified playground chips to a depth of 6" (12" in high

impact areas). With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Mr. Mattus. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "S".

William Stewart
Borough Manager
08/04/2015