



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
October 16, 2018

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan- Present
Councilor Dane Collins- Present
Councilor Mike Gale- Present
Councilor William Kaelin- Absent
Councilor Susan McAtee- Present
Council Vice-President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Jim Glenn- Present

Recognition of Ed Caleo and his Eagle Scout Project, Spirit of America Park

Mayor's Report

Fall Festival was this month and was a great success. Plenty of vendors and patrons came out to enjoy the great event this year. Wanted to give a special thanks to Shellie and Sue for their hard work on this event.

The Communities Foundation path is getting closer to completion. Keep an eye out for upcoming information.

Halloween is coming so please make sure you remain safe.

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: Michele Endriss Dalessio

Vote: 6/0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan McAtee)

- Planning Commission
 - o Planning Commission meet on September 26th to approve Church's Auto project and ask that we approve that at this council meeting.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Did not meet and no report
- Code Enforcement

- Report Attached
- Recreation Board
 - TCF trail is almost done keep and eye out for more information.

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - The Police Dept. Received a grant for \$4,400 for vests. This will help purchase two vests. Ridley Park was one of the towns that received the most in grant money from this program.
 - Report Attached
- Fire Department Report
 - Report Attached
 - October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month. Open house will be Oct 20th.
 - The Fire Dept. is always selling raffles for a fundraiser.
- Board of Health
 - Mosquito Spraying is nearing an end for the year.
- Emergency Management
 - Did not meet no report
- Fall festival was a huge success this year and thank you to all who participated.
- On Oct 27th Main streets will be having their Halloween Parade. Please see the Borough website for information.

Motion: Sure McAtee

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 6/0

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - Report Attached
- Barnstormers
 - Report Attached
- Seniors Groups
 - Report Attached

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: Mike Gale

Vote: 6/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Mike Gale)

- Trash and Recycling
 - Yard waste collection is the 3rd Wednesday, please place your yard waste in brown bags.
 - There will be no trash collection on Election Day, Tuesday November 6th. Trash collection will be the next pickup day, Friday November 9th.
- School Board
 - Ed Caleo was recognized at this meeting as well.

- School Board gave out grants and The Ridley Park Library received a grant for their program “Reading to the Animals”. This is a great program and received an \$800 grant.
- 23 Chester Pike went to arbitration for assessment issues.

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: Michele Endris Dalessio

Vote: 6/0

Public Relations (Councilor Jared Brennan)

- Library Board
 - Report Attached
- Historical Commission
 - Did not meet this month no report
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - Made a recommendation at the Council workshop and have no report for this meeting.

Motion: Mike Gale

Second: Michele Endris Dalessio

Vote: 6/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
 - Report Attached
- CDCA
 - Report Attached

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: Michele Endris Dalessio

Vote: 6/0

Parks & Properties (Council President Jim Glenn)

- Highway Department
 - Leaf collection should be starting early next month. A schedule should be made available shortly.
- Personnel
 - No Update
- Shade Tree Committee
 - Tree was damaged and needed to be removed off of Borough property. No other report.

Manager Report

Borough Code has been reprinted and has been added to the website.

If there are any budgetary needs for next year please provide that information as soon as possible so it can be considered for the 2019 Budget.

Engineers Report

Report Attached

Solicitor Report

No Report

Councilor Jared Brennan did have a question about the property on E Hinckley Ave that had been brought up before. Wanted to see if there was an update.

The Solicitor did not want to respond to ongoing matters.

Public Comment

Mary Pat King 309 Johnson Ave

Is the Borough considering adding updates to the council chamber sound system since it is hard to hear at home and since they are not rebroadcast how can someone see what is going on if they can not hear? Council Collins said it is under consideration and there is more that needs to be done to bring the system up to speed.

Is there going to be a cyber event next year? Councilor Gale responded that they want to add this into the budget for 2019. No date is announced.

Is there going to be a special meeting to discuss the EIT? How are they going get this information out to the resident?

Sandy Hess 317 Burk Ave

Wanted to know why we wanted to switch to Republic Bank and when is that going to happen?

Dave Graff 246 W Ridley Ave

Wanted to bring to the attention of Council a matter about a chimney inspection on his property. He has not gotten an answer back in over a year and want to see what course of action he could take to get the matter resolved? The Borough Manager and the Solicitor will work on sharing the information the Borough has and will get back to Mr. Graff.

Andy Furman 314 Pomeroy

Is upset that the Finance Chairman is not at this meeting that they are discussing matters such as the EIT and the 2019 Budget. What are the next steps for the EIT. The Solicitor provide that steps council will need to follow in order to pass a taxing ordinance. Wanted to also know if this information will be shared online for the residents to review.

Mr. Droughty 315 Burke

Will the Borough explain what is going to happen with this EIT? Is council going to have a special meeting before Nov 15th in order to discuss this matter? Believed that council should take immediate action to set a date for a special meeting about the EIT ordinance.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for September in the amount of \$690,397.66

Motion: Jim Glenn

Second: Jared Brennan

Vote:6/0

-Motion to approve Church's Auto contingent to the compliance with the engineering letter

Motion Sue McAtee

Second: Michele Endris Dalessio

Vote:6/0

-Motion to approve Bob Berger as alternate member of the Planning Commission
Motion: Sue McAtee
Second: Jared Brennen
Vote: 6/0

Old Business

Councilor Gale wanted to see if there was an update for 123 Rosemont Ave? Councilor McAtee provide an update that they are still working and trying to get the project done as soon as possible.

New Business

Earned Income Tax

Questions were raised when will there be a draft ordinance to review? The Solicitor will provide draft ordinances with the requests of council. They will include a tax on only those employed in the borough and both employed and reside in the borough.

Councilors Gale and Collins wanted to know if there was a requirement to post about a meeting. The solicitor indicated they can post about a meeting in the publication when publishing the ordinance. They also raised question about the timeline of the publication before a vote could happen. The vote can only happen after an agreed upon ordinance has been approved by council and published in a circulation for at least one day a week for three weeks. At that point council will then be able to take action.

Councilor Gale and Collins want to call for a special meeting to be hand in between that period in order to discuss the matter more with the residents in order to provide information.

Motion by Jim Glenn: For the Borough Solicitor to draft ordinance for an Earned Income Tax for the Borough of Ridley Park.

Second: Sue McAtee

Vote: 5/0/1 (abstention by Dane Collins)

Motion by Mike Gale to hold public meeting within 14 days of an approved draft ordinance for an Earned Income Tax.

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 6/0

Adjourn

Motion: Michele Endris Dalessio

Second: Sue McAtee

Vote6/0