



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Session  
October 17, 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**

Council President Bob Berger 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 – Present  
Mayor Hank Eberle – Present  
Council President Bob Berger – Present

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held September 19, 2017. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst . With no other questions or comments from Council, motion passed.

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

Beginning was not Audible!

Mayor proclaim on Declaring the National Red Ribbon Campaign-Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention- October 22 to October 30, 2017.

Discussed drug awareness program. The Mayor and Chief Frazier will be at the Middle school on October 24, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Part of the Delaware County drug task force prevention and education.

National Geographic the signs of addiction of heroin. How it affects your mind and body.

Fall Festival per Mayor was a great success and thank you to the 4-5 people who put it all together.

Thank you, Bob Berger and the main streets crew. Main Streets is to help our business to draw people to our town and our business have one of the biggest days of the year.

Fire prevention open house was Saturday 10/14/17. Many young volunteers which is good. Many fire companies struggle to have adequate volunteers to man fires.

Walking path's-Still working on it with Sue Macatee. They went to the engineer's office and Charles Catania created good maps. Maps are at the back.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report by Mr. Glenn, second by Mr. Broadhurst  
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Comments- from Mrs. Dalessio was she attended the fire prevention and was in the front row and witness the grease fire and it was hot. Great advent a lot of people showed up.

Mayor also comments thanks Mrs. Dalessio for the fair and the great car show.

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Planning Commission** – Met October 11, 2017 to discuss plans for 611 Swarthmore and approved. Council also approved at the workshop.

**Zoning Hearing Board**- met on September 14, 2017 to hear an appeal to grant a special exception for front yard parking at 611 N. Swarthmore. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the special exception.

**Code Enforcement** –See attached report.

Code Officer wanted to remind residents to be aware of paving contractors coming around to pave for cash. These contractors often are not insured, don't do a quality job. Please make sure they have a permit to do the work. In the past these contractors don't return calls or a good job.

Mr. Gale would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers for the efforts to clean up the Lake on 10/07/2017 and the highway people for picking up all the debris.

Motion to accept Planning and Zoning by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn

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

### **Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)**

**Police:** Chief Frazier presented his report (See attached monthly report.)

In addition, Chief Frazier mentioned: Its soon to be Halloween and please everyone be careful. Police will be out driving up and down the streets.

Great turnout for fall festival police look forward to it and working it in the future.

Chief and the Mayor will be holding a Drug Awareness program on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School. "Don't be an idiot" This program is for the parents and educators. They will have a guest speaker who will address the issue of what to look for in a teenager. This is young teenagers as well as 18-22 year old that are experimenting and great chance to try and reach some of them.

**Fire:** Fire Chief Mike Echkenroad- see attached report

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Gilmore spoke regarding the success of Fire Prevention Week -Special thanks to Karen Duncan. Lady Auxiliary on October 27 will have a painting fundraiser. Also, will be selling the 50-50 raffle tickets. Raffle will be December 3 Santa will pick the winner for a \$500.00 Visa Gift card.

Councilor Glenn for Board health please check out the website they have some fall recipe's and as well a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

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

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

**Telecommunications:** Councilor Brenan reported that the television playback system is still malfunctioning. That he is currently looking for 3 estimates. He contacted a local company to get a "scope on what we need" the estimate was about 8,000 to 10,000. To be discussed more at workshop.

**Barnstormers:** The Evil Dead show will be starting October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 pm. Auditions for One Act Play's will be November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with the shows starting in January. Shenanigan's a Pirate Cabaret will be November 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. Auditions for Murder Mystery will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and the 17<sup>th</sup> will be at 3:00 pm. They will start in February. Please see web-site for more information.  
Zumba which is being held on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am.

**Seniors Group:** no announcements this month. There is a concern that last year they did not have heat and will it be fixed? Per Jared he was not aware of that. Mr. Berger said its fixed. Mr. Brennan also stats the back door needs repair or replace. Per Mr. Glenn it is on the list and right now the hinges have been fixed, but should be replaced as well as the frame.

A discussion on the TV and getting more estimates and budget for next year. They will talk more at the workshop.

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

### **Recreation Report (Councilor Snow)**

**Recreation Board, Recycling/Trash and School Board:** Councilor Snow is running late and they will skip the report for this month.

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

### **Parks and Property (Councilor Michelle Endriss—Dalessio)**

**Highway Department** –Beginning Leaf Season.

**The Business Association-** Will not be doing the Halloween Parade on October 28, 2017 But, Main Streets will be stepping up and the parade will be right here at 12:30 at Veterans park.

**Athletic Club Association-** Cheerleading and football is coming to end some play-offs will still be going on. The cheerleading will be doing the competition cheerleading called the winter classic on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

**Shade tree:** Did not meet due to the holiday office was closed.

Mike Gale had a question about the tree removal at the lake on Glenlock road. The debris and stumps are still there. Mrs. Dalessio will check and see the contractor should have removed.

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

### **Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)**

**HARB:** No new action items. They did attend a seminar about updating historic guidelines.

**Historical Society:** They did start the repairs on the ice house shutters. They are going to talk to John Schultz who did the repair and try and see what it would cost to repair the others to match. Jared also worked on this and he feels they all need to be repaired cause now the new don't look like the old and they should be and painted alike. He feels Schultz custom made them and should finish the rest as discussed in workshop. Most of the cost has been with the historical society. We did budget about 100,000. For repairs.

**Library Board:** See attached report.

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

### **Finance and Personnel (President Berger)**

**Main Streets:** In August we had a successful Blood drive and will be having another December 7<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm till 9:00 pm here at the Borough Hall again with more room and more prepared. Mr. Berger also ask the residents to help support the local food bank: "Loaves and fishes" in Prospect Park to donate food items, cash or checks for the holiday food drive. This is at the Prospect Park Baptist church at 703 Lincoln Ave. a list of items will be on the RP website and we here at the Borough Hall will have it set up with vehicles to take the items to the church. Main Streets like to thank the following people for their help for the Fall Festival; Danielle Staccione, Sue Endriss, Shelly Dalessio, Dan Dalessio and Sue Macatee.

**CDCA:** Currently working on their preliminary budget for 2018. Crum Creek Pumping Station is also in the process of being upgraded. CDCA will also conduct their flow meter loan program again. This will allow local municipalities to monitor and record flows in the sewer lines. Early detection of leaks in the lines can save municipalities much money.  
**Street Improvement:** Work to begin in late September or early October. They will have the final budget numbers for the 2018 budget.

**Road Program:** Beginning next Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> Notices will go out to the residents no parking signs will be posted the night before, not to be confused with the CDBG grant. That is a separate project and that will be started in the Spring 2018.

Tomorrow October 18 will be the new bid for Trash and recycling here at the Borough Hall. The final bid tally will be on November 1st.

**Budget:** 1,321,211.72 in the General Fund; 330,839.32 in the Capital Reserve; 192,000 in the Liquid Fuels.

Mr. Broadhurst question the last big bill we have is for the payment of the sewer correct? Yes per Mr. Berger. Mr. Broadhurst in about ¼ million? roughly ¼ of million per Mr. Berger. Also, when is the last finance meeting? Mr. Berger, wants the bids for the recycle and trash and the by the next workshop. But, please if you have any questions please forward.

Mr. Gale when is the loaves and fishes? Mr. Berger is on now. The loaves and fishes are active all year long. We are setting up to have food to drop off at the Borough Hall.

Mr. Broadhurst the paving around the Middle school by Aqua is that by the grant? Mr. Berger no that is separate that is our own program that is to be coordinated in next workshop.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mr. Broadhurst and second By Mr. Brennan.  
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Welcome our Junior Councilor Grace Ogden.

## **Administrative Reports**

**Solicitor:** He received a letter from John FX Reilly on a Tax appeal of 400 W Chester pike a 31,000-square foot building in the amount of 442,500. Which will be a 1,600. Increase to the Borough. He would like to discuss at next workshop and vote on it by the next meeting.

Mr. Gale do we have a status on the billboard Appeal. Per Engineer Mr. Catania The Borough sub that out to Kelly Sullivan and he will get a status on that.

**Engineer:** Charles Catania reported on 400 Block of park street we will need some sewer repair on that line. He hoping to have the report by Wednesday and move forward quickly on the repair.

Mr. Broadhurst any update on the bridge? Mr. Catania no not really. But he will look further into that. Per Mr. Berger he wants this to be clear this is not something the Borough is holding up on. He reached out to our State Rep to see if he can speed this up. The Mayor has also talked to Nick and its only been two weeks no feedback yet. Per Charles this Am Track and Penn Dot, Mr. Catania there was some utilities work done but he will check further into this. Bureaucratic delay.

Motion to accept Engineer's report by Mr. Broadhurst and second By Ms. Dalessio  
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

## **Public Comment**

Steve Valerio- 231 Henderson Ave. Mr. Brennan Why is Sheila locked out of her account on the web-site? He said to contact Danielle maybe she can help her get logged back in. He second Question to Mr. Broadhurst for the right to know request on your emails on SORA? Per Mr. Broadhurst he gave everything to the solicitor.

Steve Keeney- 101 Baldwin Ave. The water company put a new valve in front of his house and it's about a 6 x6 and its caving in do you know if they are going to raise it a little bit? Mr. Catania has a meeting with them on Wednesday. Per Mr. Berger it's very important it's not just the grading and they have to do it right or it will continue. Steve next question is to the Police Chief how far is it to park near a stop sign. Per Chief Frazier its 15 feet. Chief will look further into this.

Mr. Ben Powell- 33 W Chester pike. He asked Mr. Broadhurst if he received a parking ticket? Mr. Broadhurst said yes. He asked if he paid the ticket? Mr. Broadhurst said yes. Mr. Broadhurst asked how did you know if he did? Mr. Powell said its public knowledge. Mr. Broadhurst responded ask the Chief. Mr. Powell? Ok thank you.

Andy Furman- 419 Pomeroy Street. Mr. Berger the Police pension plan by the MMO of \$200,000. is any of that going to be reimbursed from the state? Mr. Berger Yes. Mr. Furman how much would that be from the state? Mr. Berger about 80%. Mr. Glenn about 128,000. Mr. Furman 72,000. Is from the Borough. Mr. Berger Explains where it comes from. It will be motioned to be paid now for the 2018 year. Mr. Glenn signed the check. Mr. Furman asked about the MS4 and Mr. Berger and Mr. Furman went back and forth. Mr. Berger tried to explain that it is a combination of other towns that

this debris comes from and Ridley Park should go to the other towns and have them contribute to the cleanup. Back and forth.

Sue Macatee- 18 Partridge Ave. Ms. Macatee asked about a motion made at the September workshop about the color run and police protection. Why did we wave the cost? Is that cause it's a non-profit? We supply police to other nonprofits is that going to wave them? Example: St. Mads where we made them pay and they are nonprofit. Mr. Broadhurst said he made that decision for this event only, it was improving the value of the homes and community. Ms. Macatee and Mr. Broadhurst went back and forth. Future each event will have to be looked at individually.

### Action Items

Motion to Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$94,183.12.

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mr. Brenan.

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

Motion to Approve the 2018 MMO for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$200,000.00

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mr. Brenan.

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

Motion to Approve the 2018 MMO for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$16,971.00

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mr. Brenan.

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

Motion to Approve Land Development and Financial Security Agreements for 503 E. Hinckley Ave

Motion to approve by Mr. Gale and second By Mr. Brenan

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

Motion to Approve Financial Security Agreement for 246 W. Ridley Ave, subject to Solicitors approval.

Motion to approve by Mr. Gale and second By Mrs. Dalessio.

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

Motion to Approve Health Purchasing Agreement with Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust for 2018.

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mrs. Dalessio.

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

Motion to Approve Master Casting Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mr. Broadhurst.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve Fire Escrow Ordinance No.1 of 2017

Motion to approve by Mr. Glenn and second By Mrs. Dalessio

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Motion to Approve hiring Matthew Gessig as a Full-time Employee in the Highway Department, pending drug testing.

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mr. Brenan

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Motion to Approve hiring Robert Hinckley Jr. as a Part-time Employee in the Highway Department, pending drug testing.

Motion to approve by Mr. Berger and second By Mr. Brenan

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

**Old Business** Mr. Gale- Question in August the in a workshop packet there was a inspection from our insurer they recommended the cleanup of the bottom of the lake the trees and debris. When will this be done and budgeted for? Mr. Glenn, we need a crane a dumpster and its about \$10,000. Per Mr. Berger this will be schedule when the fountain comes out.

**New Business** Mr. Brenan about an email from a resident near St. James regional school. It was about Traffic and Parking near the school. The Mayor received the email and gave it to the Chief. The chief commented that he has looked into it and when events come they will mark it off for resident parking only. Mr. Brenan would like to check in and make it a 1-way street and chief said that was done a long time ago as it now. Mr. Brenan would like to address it again later at workshop.

Mr. Berger let everyone know after they adjourn they will be in executive session for police personnel matter and a contractual legal matter.

Mr. Mayor the maps for the trail will be in the back if anyone would like one.

Mrs. Dalessio wanted to make an announcement Taylor hospital is doing a health fair next Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Glenn second by Mr. Broadhurst.

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

Meeting Adjourned