



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
October 20th , 2020

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present
Councilor Dane Collins- Present
Councilor Richard Guerra- Present
Councilor William Kaelin- Present(Late)
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Council Vice-President Susan Brochet- Absent
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present

Approve Meeting Minutes for September 15th Council Meeting Minutes

Motion Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Citation Presentation: Sergeant James Nasella

Citation presented to Sgt. James Nasella for 30 years of dedicated service to the Borough.

Presentation by Sen. Tim Kearney and State Rep. Delissio .

Mayor's Report

Spoke on a letter received by Ridley Park Police Dept. from Ridley Township Commissioner Robert Willert thanking Ridley Park for their support in the recent Delco Resist protest. Provided a brief update on the bridge and hopes to have some more information soon. Wanted to make residents aware of distracted driving especially with Halloween right around the corner. The Mayor said that this Halloween is going to be different so please be mindful of social distancing and safety.

The Mayor finished with some Ridley Park history on the bridge and the former train station that stood over the tracks. Over the years the train station burned down and was rebuilt and that too burned down. Lastly spoke on an old Ridley Park Code book from the early 1900s.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 5/0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o There has been no meeting
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Will be holding a meeting on October 28th
- Code Enforcement
 - o Report is attached, provided by Council President
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o No events

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - o Did not meet. Still waiting on the Verizon Agreement to review.
- Cable TV
 - o Provided an update on the new equipment and hopes on getting installed and built into the 2021 budget.
- Barnstormers
 - o No shows on the horizon
- Seniors Groups
 - o Still not meeting

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 5/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling
 - o Had a great turn out for the 2020 E Waste event. Thanked all that participated during the event.
- School Board
 - o Preparing for a second wave of the virus that may be coming in the winter months
- CDCA
 - o Will have update when they pass their final budget.

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Michelle Stock Mattus thanked all the residents that participated in the E-Waste event.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio wanted to say a special thank you to all the teachers working this year.

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board
 - o Report Attached
- Historical Commission
 - o Did not meet. If anyone wishes to join please reach out to the office
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o Report attached motions later for approval.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 6/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
 - o Provided the Borough finance update for the year
 - o Working on drafting a preliminary budget for council to review. Please provide any items you would like to see in the final budget
- Grants
 - o No update
- Personnel
 - o No update

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Michelle Stock Mattus had question on the county reassessment and how it will impact the budget process. Want to make sure that if there are questions from residents Council is able to answer in the future.

Vote: 6/0

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department
 - o Leaf collection is underway. Please review schedule on the website and social media.
 - o Road resurfacing will be starting soon
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o No meeting
- Recreation Board
 - o No meeting

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McGinley

Michelle Stock Mattus had a question on the basketball courts at the ABC Field. Will follow up with Borough Manager. Also had a question on leaf collection and providing updates to the residents.

Vote 6/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - o Congratulated Sgt. Nasella on his years of service. Thanked him for all of this hard work over the years.
 - o Report attached
 - o Chief Frazier thanked Cpl Morris and Office Hinckley for attending the Delco Resist demonstration.
 - o Frazier also announced we received a DOJ grant about \$4,900 will be able to get a vest.
 - o Looking for crossing guards. If anyone is interested please reach out to the Police Dept.
- Fire Department Report
 - o No Report
- Board of Health

- Did not meet.
- Emergency Management
 - Still speaking and trying to get supplies for Borough staff.
- Civil Service
 - No report

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

Manager Report

Provided an update on the Sellers Avenue Bridge. Has moved to pay the risk fee that Amtrak is asking for.

Submitting a grant for PECO Green Region to install park signage.

Engineer Report

Report attached

Solicitor Report

No Report

Public Comment

Andy Furman 419 Pomery: Had questions in regard to the 2021 budget and the process on when it will be presented to Council for review.

Anthony Wolverton: 411 North Swarthmore had questions about his ally in the back yard. Was concerned about the distance between his property and his neighbor in the rear.

Kenny Pin- 409 North Swarthmore had the same concerns that Antony presented in regards to distance of back ally

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for August in the amount of \$ 454,788.66

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

- Motion to block party permit for Christine and Joe Smith for October 31st 2020

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: William Kaelin

Vote 6/0

- Motion to hire part-time police officer Joe Giradi pending completion of all necessary background checks and certifications

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 6/0

- Motion to approve certificate of appropriateness for 206 Creswell St on the recommendation of HARB

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2020-5 PECO Green Region Grant for Park Signage

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 6/0

Old Business

New Business

Michelle Endriss Dalessio Presented a Social Media Policy that she would like the Solicitor to review.

Michelle Stock Mattus asked Borough manager to look into selling the old Borough Highway garage.

Adjourn

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McGinley

6/0