



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Meeting
March 16th, 2021

Welcome

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present
Councilor Dane Collins- Present
Councilor Richard Guerra- Present
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Council Vice-President Susan Brochet- Present
Councilor Len Pinto- Present
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present

Motion to approve Council Minutes for February 16th, 2021

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

Mayor's Report

Spoke on the Borough Bulletin that went out over the last few weeks. Highlighted the RPAC and the services that club provides. Thanked Danielle Staccone for the hard work on the bulletin. Mayor thanked the Ridley Park Highway crew for their hard work on the Tot Lot on the cleanup with the adding of new mulch and weeding. Provided some history on the tot lot from all the work that he has done over the years.

Spoke on the Business district and the need for new trees and spoke on the comprehensive plan for work. Spoke on where this even came from. This is a very similar program that has been done over the years.

Take Root in the community: Planting trees around the business district. They have been damaging the sidewalks and will be working to provide trees that are mor conducive to the area. Working to reach out to individuals and groups to help with this program.

We are fighting COVID-19 with the vaccine and that we need to be vigilant. Please be smart while you are out in the public. We will be looking to see new openings in the next few weeks.

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day and I wish everyone a great program.
Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Thanked the Mayor for the program that in the area.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o Did not meet. If there is any reason to meet, they will schedule a meeting.
- Zoning Hearing Board-
 - o Did not meet last month.
- Code Enforcement-
 - o Report attached.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-

Prior to COVID-19 was working on revitalizing the Business Associations and hoping to have a meeting on April 24th.

Motion: Len Pinot

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
 - o Did not meet
- Cable TV
 - o Cable TV is working to build a deal with a cable company to provide some upgrades to our TV equipment.
- Barnstormers
 - o Had one virtual show during this year.
 - o Looking for ways to raise money if they can raise any money for the theater in order to keep the doors open.
 - o Please reach out to reach out to Rich to get contact info for any upcoming events or shows.
- Seniors Groups
 - o Contacted Shirly but did not hear back

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Sue Brochet

Michelle Stock Mattus: Spoke on the concerns about reaching out to Seniors that may need help logging into Zoom. Can we look into helping Seniors? Will be willing to lend a hand where needed.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: The Barnstormer will be holding a summer show which will be Annie that would be run by the youth program.

Vote 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling -
 - o Yard waste is going to be two-time Yard Waste this month. Need to be in an open can or brown bag.

- Grass Clippings are trash but please make sure that they are loose in your bag.
- School Board-
 - Thanked Michelle Stock Mattus for informing him about the meeting that recently came up.
 - Spoke on fans attending sporting events, they are going to operate on status quo.
 - Looking to have more people in attendance, but waiting on some additional cleaning supplies
- CDCA-
 - No update currently, but we are up to date on all payments.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Spoke on cardboard not being collected with regular trash, please remember to put it out with the recycling.

Vote; 7/0

Sue Bochet: Asked when does the school board think they will be returning to in person learning?

Michael McGinley: Said they are working on it and hope to have a senior prom this year.

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board-
 - Report attached.
 - Held their meeting via Zoom. Their groups have had some participation and hope to have more participation in the near future.
- Historical Commission
 - There was one resident who reached out to be interested in order to rejoin the historical society.
 - Ellie Hays will work to help structure it
 - If you are interested in joining please reach out to Michelle or Borough Manager
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
 - No update but presented at the workshop meeting.
 - Anyone who has a home in the historic commission please reach out to the Borough if you have questions about the board.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 7/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Finance-
 - The Borough Audit is under its way. They are working virtually now and hope to be done soon and file on time with DCED
 - Spoke to the Auditors about the work that is being done in the Boorugh
 - Spoke on working to outsourcing of payroll and bringing in the bank reconciliation.
 - There is going to be Single Audit that there is going to be done for the Hillside Road project due to the size of Federal Funding.
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-Grants

- Personnel

Motion Sue Brochet:

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department-
 - o Asked for Michelle Stock Mattus about the upcoming lake clean up.
 - o They are working to have a plan to work on this clean up since there will be a large group this year.
 - o Spoke on the clean up in the Tot Lot and added the rubber mulch in the Tot Lot. Thanks Nick Furman for this matter too in help organizing.
 - o Spoke on the basketball courts. Thanks, Dane Collins, for meeting. Will be asking the Borough Manager to look into replacing the courts.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o Did not meet this month and will be meeting on 4/12 via zoom
- Recreation Board
 - o did not meet this month

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Michelle Stock Mattus: When was the last time that the Shade Tree met? Spoke on the project about the tree planning for trees across the Borough. Spoke on the numbers over the last few years and concern that this project. Concerned that we are going to be asking for residents going into their pockets on top of their tax funds.

Michelle Endirss Dalessio: Spoke on the history of these projects and related to this program. Hoping that this event would revitalize this area. Spoke on the removal of trees and the cost of planning.

Richard Guerra: Thanked Michelle for bringing this up and to help bring that information to Council. Will be sure to spend money properly down in the business district with new shade trees.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Spoke on the fact that some of these trees have been gone for quite some time but want to make sure that we use our municipal budget.

Len Pinto: Like the idea of this program that this but we may need to build this program out moving further, that we can help start this project and complete this project.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked Rich Guerra for the hard work on the basketball courts. Appreciate all of his hard work on this.

Michelle Endriss mentioned that the lake clean up. may have been closed but is not reopen for registration.

Vote: 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - o Please lock your cars and keep your valuables out of site.
 - o We are doing vacation checks please contact the Police Department if you are going to be away and they will be sure to check on your property.

- Looking for new crossing guards please reach out to the Police Department and we can work with anyone interested.
- Report Attached
- Fire Department Report
 - Large brush fire down in Tiniucm today and RPFDD did respond to assist
- Board of Health
 - Meet last month and discussed COVID-19 and the vaccine roll out.
 - Will be meeting next week
- Emergency Management-
 - Have not meet but will be in contact
- Civil Service

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Manager Report

Spoke on the new Payroll companying for approval at this meeting. Will be sure to follow up with Council when it is ready to go live for the Borough.

Engineer Report

Report attached, but updated that the Borough Hall Roof project will be starting soon.

Solicitor Report

Was not in attendance but did provide he is working to update the Verizon Franchisee Agreement.

Public Comment

Andrew Furman:

It is now very very difficult without a PhD in IT to get on this Zoom meeting making public participation virtually impossible.

In person meetings with proper social distancing and masks like before should be brought back for the next Workshop!

Len, Hank Michelle Endirss: Spoke on the concern on meeting in person. Looking to provide in attendance about being there in person. Would like to meet in person.

Mike McGinley spoke on the need to try to accommodate the public attending the meeting. The public asking

Mike Gale

51 Collier Circle Thank you for quick turn around replacing swings in Hetzel Park.

Can consideration be given to replacing the "wood chips/mulch" in the Hetzel Park tot lot and swing areas?

Any news on Borough E-Waste Recycling event?

Could you repeat cost of a tree in the Take Root program?

Who is responsible to maintain the trees once they are planted?

Mike Gale 08:19 PM
Can Council consider letting residents speak during Council zoom meetings?

Mike Gale 08:21 PM
The Take Root program was not on the agenda.

Paul Mattus 08:22 PM
Well Said Mike!

Action Items

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of: \$207,053.82

Motion Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

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- Motion to approve Ridley Park Borough Social Media Policy

Motion: Michelle Endirss Dalessio

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 6/1 Michelle Stock Mattus voting in the negative.

Michael McGinley: Who is going to force this policy?

Borough Manager will be following up with Solicitor on the matter.

- Motion to approve ADP Services to provide Ridley Park Borough's payroll services

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote: 7/0

Old Business

Spoke on refinancing the debate and interest rates to the to try and find good interest rates. 450,000 to look into fixing new capital projects. Several version. Will update more on the project in the coming meetings.

New Business

Michelle Stock Mattus: Asked if we can change the discussion on the workshop format and make that the topic of discussion. May look into change the discussion on the town hall

Motion to approve Borough Manager to replace basketball courts at ABC Field with quote provide by General Recreation.

Motion Rich Guerra

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Michelle Endirss Dalessio: Spoke on the easter egg hunt. Do not feel like it i safe to have an east egg hunt. Texas Roadhouse has donated gifts for this events. Spoke to several of the business about the event that they are willing to provide some social distanced event.

Adjourn

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Secnd: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

8:51PM