



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Session  
April 18, 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**

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

**Audit Summary Review with Barbacane**

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held March 21, 2017. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions or comments from Council motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes from April 4, 2017 Workshop Meeting. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor reported on people walking with cell phone and not paying attention to their surroundings, safety is his purpose. Mayor Eberle provided comments on the heroin drug problem. The Mayor talked about the increase in dog droppings and to please get the word out to pick up after your pet. Mayor Eberle discussed how important volunteers are and asked for volunteers for the beautification project on May 6th at Stewart Ave and Chester pike near the I 95 exit at 9:00 am. As well as Arbor day. We are 14 years known as tree city.

Mayor thanked John Hosbach a professional Arborist for his help and input.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report was made by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Brennan.

With no questions or comments from Council the motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

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

Planning Commission – Last month was cancelled and the next meeting will be Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning - There is a variance submitted for a property on Hinkley Ave for a porch in the rear and the variance is for the side yard setback. The tentative date for the hearing will be May 11<sup>th</sup> depending on the solicitor to confirm.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Gale read report. The Code enforcer inspected 51 building permits and pending additional information waiting on 10 more. They did 42 site inspection (i.e. Concrete, occupancy...) 28 Rental licensed and transfers, any failure will be giving a citation for every unit that did not obtain a license.

Mr. Gale stated that 404 Bonsall ave is almost completed. The interior is done waiting to finish the exterior to be completed.

A permit still pending for the approval of a new home at 503 E. Hinkley Ave.

The clean out of 611 Swarthmore is continuing, we issued the permit for demolishing and have not heard when that will be. Still pending on land development plans.

Discussed at workshop the property at 206 N Swarthmore and Ridley the courts agreed the property to be taken over by a private entity who will keep it in the same of use.

The property at 20 W Ridley was found as operating as a boarding house and is for sale. The tenants have till the end of this month for housing. One of the tenants have made other arrangements.

There are 2 properties on Hillside road issues with the placement of Verizon boxes 1 property they decide to move the box completely and the other will be placed near the sidewalk and the sidewalk will be built properly.

West Belair Mr. Gale was approached about today and he will inform the code enforcer to consider it.

Property at 32 W Sellers a tree was knocked down and will be processing the abatement.

Mr. Gale was asked by Mr. Tartaglia the code enforcer to all the residents to be aware any contractor who asked for more than 50% of the work. Home improvement crimes, the contract takes the money and never does the work. They usually hit the elderly so to be aware. Contact Borough Hall or the code enforcement if you have any questions or our web site.

Mr. Gale purpose to host a meeting to have volunteers to come out for a meeting on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers at 7:00 pm.

Per President Berger for 20 W. Ridley ave "No more extensions" we have given them an extension and have been working with them.

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

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

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

Fire: Chief Eckenrode provided the monthly report.

Police: Chief Frazier wanted to let residents know their Little league opening day this Saturday and the from Tasker to Mayer streets will be blocked with barricades. They are placing no parking sign's. Safety with about a 100 people or so for a little bit of time from 10:00am to about 12:00pm.

Police had an Active shooter training he prefers to call it crisis response training. The officers completed and became certified.

Training the officers this weekend at Neuman on drug epidemic in Delaware County, trained on the investigations not only what to do to get them into an ambulance, but the after investigations. Good program for our Officers to take it one step further. Highly recognized by the United States Justice Dept. and the Delaware County District Attorney office. Chief Frazier status on the Mayor initiative for Heroin Alert and by the end of June every 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grader in the Interboro and Ridley School District. If we start the awareness out now while they are young. Chief Highly commends Bill Christie and Dave Rowlyk on the placement of the new safety signs placed around the borough.

See attached monthly report

Vacation Safety check- if going on vacation call set up for a safety check of your home. If you are email the station or call between 9-5 PM, the Ladies will take all your information. If you can give them as much detail as you can when lights come on if someone will be there etc....

Jim Glenn mentioned that the weekend is junior proms for Ridley so be careful when parking.

Board of Health – Met this month. They have done the restaurant inspections and so far, nothing to report about. Mosquito spraying will start May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November they will be out around 8:30 -8:45.

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

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

Telecommunications –The broadcast system must be physically turned on the playback is an issue. He met with the committee this month and he asked them to please see what it takes to replace the system. Possibly get an estimate and put in next year budget.

Earntstormers – American Idiot is currently playing May 5,6, and 7<sup>th</sup> and then again May 12 and 13. Call or visit website for ticket information.

Seniors- nothing to report an upcoming event is coming in June and we will have an announcement next month meeting.

Mr. Brennan stated that Shirley sent a thank you card out to the Borough and to everyone who had contributed.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Jim Glenn.  
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Community Resources (Vice President Samantha Snow)**

Recreation Board – no activity

Recycling/Trash – In Vice President absence President Bob Berger said she wanted the Electronic recycling mention. That is April 29<sup>th</sup> a Saturday at St James Regional Catholic school from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM

School Board – no activity.

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

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

Highway Department –is already in grass cutting season

The Lake cleanup is April 22 at 9:00 am and anyone wanting to volunteer they will be meeting at Hillside and Genlock Streets.

Mrs. Dalessio was in contact with Code enforcement about the tree on Riverview and they have concluded to do a Abatement on the property for that.

Athletic club will be having opening day as the Chief Frazier had stated.

The Business Association had the Easter egg hunt and it was heavily attended.

Mrs. Dalessio shows us a rock that is a new game the kids are doing now and you will find them throughout Ridley park and she has seen them at the Library and the Borough Hall. The kids find them and then go on Facebook and post the picture and then other kids will see who found the rock they hid and then hide them again.

Mr. Glenn Correction the Lake Cleanup is meeting at the bridge off Hillside not Genlock.

Jared Brennan ask about the hiring of Part Time help with the grass cutting? Per Mr. Glenn they are in the process of hiring some Part timers.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Broadhurst.

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

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

HARB Committee- 2017-4 property at 410 Tome Street is still in progress.

Historical Commission –

Library Board – Report read attached

Historical Society – no report.

SORA Meeting to be announced to be Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> here at the borough Hall at 7:00PM.

Motion to accept Public Relations by all unanimous.

Mr. Broadhurst asked for more detail on the Auditors report Bob said he will supply that to understand the general fund better.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

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

Main Streets - Next meeting Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Casey's. Volunteers are needed.

Discussing Possibilities, the Movies by the Lake, the farmers Market.

CDCA – meeting was April 10<sup>th</sup> and Ridley Park sent a donation to the Chester/Delaware county water shed program.

They are the reason we have the lake cleanup program. They voted on new board.

Grants – CDBG Bonnes Park is finished and we will decide on the Officially Dedicate the park. Date coming soon.

Personnel – Borough Manager interviews are complete. Next step is back ground checks and then a vote in the May meeting.

Finance – Audit for the borough is complete and we already discussed in the beginning of the meeting. Our account balance in our General fund is \$ 313,497.00 and Capitol reserve is \$148,000.00.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Jim Glenn and second by Dan Broadhurst.

Mr. Broadhurst asked for more detail on the Auditors report President Bob Berger said he will supply that to understand the general fund better.

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

## **Administrative Reports**

Engineer – Hillside Road update everything has been submitted and waiting on Penn Dot to approve all the plans. Motion to accept Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor – No report.

### **Public Comment**

Jim Butt- 383 Hillside Rd, right to know and the DVD missing and that was not the case and he can come review the DVD at the office.

Jimmy Garvy- submitted to the National Historical society to have his Uncle Robert A. Nilion for a marker and to be inducted. They denied and council Jared Brenanan suggest the Borough might like to do their own Marker.

Sheila Glenn- 116 Kearny Place just wanted council to know that she has the disk so she could finish the minutes being lack of Borough Manager she offered to type them up. Conclusion is there will be a sign in/out sheet moving forward.

### **Action Items**

**\*Motion:** to approve the PECO Summary Billing. The motion was made by President Bob Berger and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2017-2 Designating Commonwealth Code Enforcement as the enforcement officer of the Borough's Shade Tree Ordinance. The motion was made by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness No. 2017-4 for 410 Tome Street, as recommended by H.A.R.B. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

**\*Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning in the amount of \$138,774.69. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Brennan say's we should thank Colleen our employee for the work she did on the PECO Summary. Per President Berger we should she saved us Tax payers money in a short period of time she been here.

### **New Business**

Mr. Broadhurst asked if the Movies should be through Main Streets? And President Berger says yes. Many ideas like ice skating, Concerts at the lake or Park. Good ideas to be brought to Main Streets could consider.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Berger second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned