



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council  
April 20, 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 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion Michael McGinley

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 7/0

**Mayor's Report**

Spoke on the verdict on the George Floyd trial. Did not editorialized but spoke on the importance of the justice system in America.

Lake clean up went great and thanked everyone that came and provided assistance on that day.

Thanked Michelle Stock Mattus for her work on organizing that.

Ridley United Soccer Club held their first annual fishing tournament. Over 250 people attend and thanked Nick Furman for his help in running this event.

The Mayor provided some information and history on Dolan's bar. A third-generation business owner and recently had a movie filmed at the bar. Spoke on some great history and awards the bar has won over the years. There are a lot of changes coming to the bar and wish him the best. Sue Brochet and Michelle Endriss Dalessio along with the Borough Manager are meeting with the Business district to try and start up the Business Association again.

Provided and update that we are the 41st safest town in PA. This is a great honor and thanked the Chief and all of the police officers, along with the residents.

Trying to curb speeding. As we move into spring, please be aware of people around the borough.

Congratulated Ernie Angelos, Borough Solicitor, once again on being nominated as a top lawyer in the Delaware County.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)**

- Planning Commission
  - o Did not meet in March but will be meeting on April 28th for a possible subdivision of 102 W Ridley Ave.
- Zoning Hearing Board-
  - o Did not meet in March and will meet if needed.
- Code Enforcement-
  - o Report attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
  - o Spoke on the meeting that was held on April 1st to discuss the reformation of the Business District. Working to keep an open line of communication with the events.
  - o Echoed the Mayor on the fishing event that was held at the Ridley Park lake.

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

#### **Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
  - o Did not meet. With some information from the solicitor will be meeting soon.
- Cable TV
  - o Spoke to RCN and Comcast about the community cable equipment. Would like to investigate other quotes for other equipment.
  - o Would like to meet with Borough Manager and RCN to meet.
- Barnstormers
  - o No update at this time
- Seniors Groups
  - o Spoke to Rich about several things and he will be providing an update to them to work with them moving forward.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

#### **Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)**

- Trash and Recycling
  - o March thru October there are 1st and 3rd Wednesday collections for Yard Waste. Please no plastic bags for yard waste. Can be in a brown bag or loose in a can.
  - o Grass clippings must go in the regular trash. Please try and keep the grass clippings separate of yard waste.
  - o Please use the trash and recycling website and Facebook to reach out to us. Please do not use the community pages.
  - o May 15th- 9-12 will be the E-waste event. One TV per house hold. This is a Ridley Park Resident only event
- School Board-

- Schools are back in person, but sports and events are still following the state guidelines.
- Middle School will be offering PSSA testing half days at the school. Please keep an eye out for kids during the middle of the day.
- CDCA-
  - Up to date on all payments. No other update at this time.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Sue Brochet

Sue asked for some clarity on the e-waste event.

Michelle Stock Mattus- Spoke on the smooth process that the E-waste event went. Was a great event and very streamlined, thanked all that have been involved in the past .

Richard Guerra: Asked if we can get a one sheet from JP Mascaro about collection items.

Michelle Endirss Dalessio: Spoke on the turnover for JP Mascaro and we are working with them to try and get issues corrected.

Vote 7/0

**Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)**

- Library Board-
  - Report Attached
- Historical Commission
  - Will be working with the Borough Manager to get this organization back up and running.
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
  - No applications for review and no updates currently.
  - If you have questions for HARB please always feel free to reach out to the Borough

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

**Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Finance-
  - Provided bank balance for the borough and the tax revenue.
  - ADP is working to onboard and we will be getting that on line
  - Will be doing the account reconciliations
  - Borough Manager is working to final numbers for short period and a longer period of a loan for the Borough.
  - The Audit was finished and submitted to DCED and provided and update.
  - There will be a single audit for the Hillside Road Project. This is because federal funds were used.
- Grants
  - There are grants available from the State Rep. Dave Dalloso for some funding.
- Personnel
  - No Update

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Len Pinto

Michelle Stock Mattus: resident provided some information on a grant for small towns.

Unfortunately, we do not meet the criteria. Please reach out if there are any grant opportunity.

Vote 7/0

### **Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)**

- Highway Department-
  - o Highway crews are out cleaning up all of the parks and properties.
  - o Basketball Courts are back up at ABC field.
  - o Dave Rowlyk was thanked by some of the kids that are going to be using the courts all summer.
- Shade Tree Committee
  - o Did meet on April 12th
  - o There was a reorganization for the commission.
  - o John Rockwell Hosbach shared some new plans and what council is looking to do for the downtown district.
  - o There were historically concerns with the Trees but there will be more work going on in the future.
  - o Spoke about the Take Root initiative for and Shade Tree approved.
  - o Look at the workshop meeting to plan something for Arbor day this year.
- Recreation Board
  - o The Borough Wide Yard Sale will be on May 8th. Maps will be handed out at Borough Hall.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Len Pinto

Len Pinto: Asked about the current donation and is that still on the table.

Richard Guerra: Says that is an option but it is not the primary source for the tree planting.

Can we share more information of this program and launch and push this out to the residents.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked Rich Guerra for all the work for the Shade Tree Commission.

Asked if there were any openings for the Rec Board. Had a question about the Borough Wide Yard Sale.

Sue Brochet: Thanked Richard Guerra for getting the fountain fixed down at the lake.

Michelle Stock Mattus: There will be a tree give away at Catania park this month. If anyone is able to attend please do, appears to be a big turn out.

Vote: 7/0

### **Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)**

- Police Department Report-
  - o Report Attached
  - o Wanted to thank all the officers for their hard work in keeping our town as top 50 safest towns in PA.
  - o Thanked Borough Council and Public Safety for all their help. Spoke on how this rating came from. Passed in violent crime.
  - o Wanted to thank Officer Joshua Powley on his response to a incident for a person who was in crisis. This could have been a bad situation, but his response and we would like to award him a commendation when we are able to meet in person.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Thanked all of the hard work from the Police Department .Thanked Officer Powley for his heroic measures and thanked the skill of the part-time officers.

- Fire Department Report  
Not in attendance. Will have report for next month.
  - Board of Health
    - o Did meet and provided some updates on their meeting.
  - Emergency Management-
  - Civil Service

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Michael Mcginley: Spoke on his career as a 911 dispatcher and wanted to echo what great officers our town has and is a great department for our town. Thanked Chief Frazier for his great leadership.

They are now providing homebound persons to get their vaccine. 484-276-2100. Please call and try and get the vaccine.

Borough Manager will touch base with the seniors to help with the public.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Spoke on how important it is to be top 50 safest community in the Commonwealth, thanked and congratulated Michelle Endirss on her great work as public safety chair.

Vote: 7/0

### **Manager Report**

Borough's Audit was submitted on time this year to DCED. Wanted to thank all of the staff for their hard work on getting this submitted on time.

Ridley Park and the Chester Pike Task Force are still working on getting funds together for a master plan for the corridor. Will be sure to update in the coming months.

### **Engineer Report**

Report attached.

Please review the roads and approve in the regular meeting.

### **Solicitor Report**

Verizon agreement is under review and will be sure to keep everyone updated.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Gale:

1. Is there any update on the plan to relocate the former Taylor Hospice memorial garden and walkway to a new location within the Borough?

Andy Furman:

Andy Furman, 419 Pomeroy St

1. For Mr. Collins regarding the Re-financing of the Boroughs Long term debt

What is the current principal outstanding and how much is proposed to be borrowed?

With the current debt, how soon is it scheduled to be paid off? And what is the annual payments, principal and interest?

For the proposed debt, how long until it is paid off and what will the annual payments be, principal and interest?

2. For Mr Guerra regarding the Preliminary Street paving list, in the spirit of transparency can you tell the residents listening tonight the streets being proposed for re-paving?
3. For Mr Pinto regarding the new TV equipment for the Council Meeting room fir the monthly meetings, since it is already budgeted, will it be purchased and installed in advance of the public meetings moving back to that location and if not, why not?

### **Action Items**

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of: \$506,551.42

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-4- Approve trade in of two police vehicles in connection with the purchase of 2021 Ford Interceptor.

Motion: Michelle Ednriss Dalessio

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

Motion to exonerate Ridley Park Borough Tax Collector for 2020 Tax to send to Portnoff for collections.

Motion Dane Collins

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

### **Old Business**

July 4th Fireworks

Conversation of the event. Mike Spoke on it Michelle Stock Mattus

### **New Business**

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second : Michael McGinley

8:32 PM

Vote 7/0

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager