



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Minutes
April 6th 2021

Welcome

Roll Call

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

Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for March 2nd, 2021

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Len Pinto

With the addition of the code enforcement attachment

Vote 7/0

Mayor's Report

Spoke on some of the good things that have happened over the last few weeks. There was a great lake clean up and thanked all of the volunteers.

Thanked those who participated with the Easter Bunny event that was held in the business district that was a nice replacement to the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Ridley United Soccer Club hosted a fishing tournament down at the lake and there was a great turn out of over 250 participants.

Dolan's Bar was host to a movie shoot and was a good spotlight on the bar and the business district

Sue and Borough Manager are working to start up the Business Associations with our district. Solicitor Ernie Angelos was recognized as a top lawyer in Delaware County for the 3rd year in the row.

Hoping to see the light at the end of the tunnel for the COVID-19 vaccine and working to get more people vaccinated. Please remember to wear your mask and wash your hands.

Seniors would like to get back into the community room soon.

Thanked Council for all their hard work during COVID-19 and asked to keep up the good work.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o Will be meeting on April 28th and there will be reorganizing
- Zoning Hearing Board-
 - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
 - o Will have normal report
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
 - o The Easter Bunny event went well and thanked Michelle Dalessio and Sue Endirss
 - o Business Association interest meeting went well and hope to meet again soon.

Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
 - o Did not meet.
- Cable TV
 - o Reached out to RCN, Comcast, and Verizon and will be sending someone out to do an assessment of the Borough equipment.
- Barnstormers
 - o Did not meet
- Seniors Groups
 - o Did not meet

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling -
 - o Did not meet
 - o Will be sharing more information for the E-Waste event. Will be on May 15th
 - o Will be getting flyers out on social media
 - o Yard Waste Collections is going to be 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
- School Board-
 - o Met last night but will have an update at the next meeting. Children are back in the classroom.
- CDCA-
 - o No report

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board-
 - o Will have a normal report. This is Library month so please try and visit the library
- Historical Commission
 - o Did not meet
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o Did not meet

This is Autism Awareness Month please be sure to be accepting to all persons.

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Finance-

- Audit is done and will have more information to share with Council shortly.
- Will have more information on the refinance documents to get some good rates that we can discuss at the regular meeting.
- Grants
- Personnel

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department
 - The preliminary street list for the 2021 Road Program. Will be something to discuss and review by Council
- Shade Tree Committee
 - Will be meeting on the 12th of this month and will be meeting via Zoom
- Recreation Board
 - Will be hosting their Borough Wide Yard Sale on May 8th . Be sure to get your name on the list.
 - Info is on the website and social media. Please call the Borough Hall to get on the list

Len asked about the Road Program

Hank asked is the tree program will be on the agenda

Richard Guerra thanked Councilor Mattus for her help in organizing the project for the lake clean up.

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - Will have normal report
- Fire Department Report
 - Will have normal report
- Board of Health
 - Meet two weeks ago and will be meeting in the next few weeks.
- Emergency Management-
 - Will have normal report
- Civil Service

Spoke on the Easter Bunny event and thanked all of the business that participants for the event. Was a great turn out for the community

Manager Report

Roof Project is moving along but held up momentarily for the slate delivery. Looking to refinancing debt. Working with Councilor Collins on this project.

Public Comment

Action Items

- Motion to approve the hiring of part-time police officer Kevin Finn
 - Motion Michelle Endirss Dalessio
 - Second: Michael McGinley
 - Vote: 7/0
- Motion to approve the hiring of part-time police officer Nicholas Frankenfield

- Motion: Michelle Endirss Dalessio
- Second: Len Pinto
- Vote 7/0

Old Business

Michelle Stock Mattus: Asked on the basketball court status. Richard Guerra stated they are ordered and should be up shortly.

Michael McGinley: Spoke on the fireworks, and want to see if we can host the fireworks this year. Asked for council's opinion on the Fireworks

Michelle Stock Mattus: Asked the Borough Manager to discuss with the fireworks company if we should have them on July 3rd 2021.

Len Pinto: Asking if Borough Manager can look into the cancellation policy

Asking for an update for the regular meeting on what steps can take.

Want to look at what the 4th of July will be event wise. The Parade is a more controlled event and work on doing a create event

Michelle Stock Mattus: Circulated the Insurance Standard

There was lots of discussion on this matter. Dane Collins asked if this was being reviewed by the Solicitor. Len Pinto asked if this would impact any of our current contractors and is there options to review this on a case by case bases? More discussion was had on the matter Michelle stock Mattus raised the concern that there could be major liability concerns for the Borough if we do not have these standards in place.

Hank Eberle : There are a number of outstanding questions and should be reviewed by our insurance carrier and solicitor before we make a final decision.

Questions were asked how much a policy would cost and Michelle Stock Mattus answered could be around \$450 a year.

Motion to table Insurance Requirements for Vendors in Ridley Park Borough

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Len Pinto

Michelle Stock Mattus: When can we vote on this? How long will this take?

Len Pinto : Do not know the timetable.

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

New Business

Len Pinto: Can we recycle the cooking oil?

Borough Manager will reach out to Connie Butler to see if there are any options for this type of program.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Congratulated Sue Brochet on being the Deputy Tax Collector. Asked when this appointment happened?

Asked Borough Manager if Sue is currently listed on the Bond for the Tax Collector.

Adjourn

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

8:14

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager