



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Mins
June 15th, 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 May 19th, 2021

-Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

Presentation of Years of Service Citations to:

Robert Frazier, Chief of Police

Citation Attached.

Spoke on his years of service in the Borough. Provided some background on the major projects that he has worked and his experience. Thanked all of Borough Councils over the years.

Mayor thanked that the Chief for all his work for the years. Thanked and congratulated the chief on his years of service.

Mayor's Report

Thanked all the Councilors, Boards and Commission and staff for all of their work during this pandemic. Thanked for helping keep the Borough operational during the very difficult time.

Spoke on the Memorial Day and thanked some important members to the Memorial Day event.

Thanked Eric Gunelfinger for him speaking at the event. Thanked the Seniors for all their help on this project.

Spoke on the Arbor Day Program. Ridley Park Borough received the 2020 growth award. Read the requirements to be a tree city USA. This is a great honor and thanked the Shade Tree members.

Mayor spoke on Flag Day and that Flag Day was first established in Yeadon. Provided some history on Flag Day and the reason that the US had one flag that represented the country. Thanked everyone for being in person and that we are near the end of this Pandemic.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o Reviewed plans for 102 W Ridley Ave
 - o Recommended to Council after HARB Review
 - o Next meeting will be June 23rd 2021
- Zoning Hearing Board-
 - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
 - o Report Attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
 - o No Update

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Dane Collins

Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked Code Enforcement for all of their hard work. Has been working on a project and has been very easy and appreciate the help from Code Enforcement and office staff.

Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
 - o Completed the review of Verizon
- Cable TV
 - o Received our Franchise fees from the three cable companies.
 - o Bids are out working to get info in for new equipment. Should have more info for next meeting.
- Barnstormers
 - o Annie Jr. will be going up July 10th. Working with the Fire Dept on the use of the community room for dressing rooms
- Seniors Groups
 - o Cards and Bingo are being played at this time on Monday.
 - o June 24th they will be in person for the first time in 18 months.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling -
 - o Please be sure to reach out to the Borough for trash issues. We will work to get corrected as quickly as possible.
 - o Please use email or our Facebook page to reach out.
- School Board-

- Graduation is June 15th and congratulated the Seniors of 2021.
- Did approve their annual 2021-2021 Budget. There were some furloughs of employees. There has been a decrease in enrollment which led to this decision.
- Congratulated St. James Regional on their work and everything during the circumstances of the pandemic.
- CDCA-
 - Will be meeting with Bob Berger for the upcoming info for CDCA

Motion: Michelle Stock Matts

Second: Dane Collins

Dane Collins: Spoke on the issues with trash about bulk items not being collected on the first day of the week. Thanked JP Mascaro for leaving a tag. This helped inform him of why an item was not collected.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Make sure that residents do not put recycling out on regular collection days.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Had an issue with trash issue thanked the Borough for helping to get corrected. Had a question on the breakdown of the furloughs. Tried to see if the break down was over the district schools or in a particular school?

Michael McGinley: Provided some update on the matter. Was going to look into the matter further.

Vote: 7/0

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board-
 - Will provide the report for the next meeting.
- Historical Commission
 - There is a walking tour on June 24th for residents. More information can be found on Facebook for this event.
 - Working to try and get this board up and running for the next couple months with several events and programs.
 - If you are interested in joining please send an email over the Borough Manager.
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
 - Will be providing a report at the next meeting.

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Len Pinto

Mayor Hank Eberle: The holiday house tour use to be a major event. Remember when the event was and would love to see this program get up and running.

Richard Guerra: Is the history walk open to the public. The tours will be given by Keith Lockhart.

Vote 7/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Finance-
 - Finance Report attached
 - Capital Loan Program that
 - Spoke on the ARP Act.

- Grants
- Personnel

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department-
 - o Had two sewer calls over the month.
 - o Mosquito spraying occurring around the Borough. This will occur, weather permitting, on Wednesday nights.
 - o They are out for line painting for our cross walks and school zones. Please be mindful of workers.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o Thanked Michelle Stock Mattus for helping get the Borough back on track for Tree City USA
- Recreation Board
 - o Two new members have been appointed.
 - o They will be meeting Thursday.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Sue Brochet

Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked Shade Tree for all their hard work on Shade Tree and how they worked during the pandemic to get his Tree City USA done.

Vote: 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - o Report Attached
 - o Thanked his previous Chief for all of their support and assistance in making him the officer that he is.
 - o Provided some background that we are the 41st safest community. This is a testament for all of our officers for the hard work that they do.
 - o The Borough Police Station is now fully operational for emergency services
 - o The event on July 3rd is going to be fine.
- Fire Department Report
 - o Report Attached
- Board of Health
 - o Will be meeting tomorrow night and will be taking off for the summer.
- Emergency Management-
- Civil Service\

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Sue Brochet

Michelle Stock Mattus: Asked about some private resident about that firework. Brings up the concern for the safety of the public.

Solicitor will be drafting some language.

Vote 7/0

Manager Report

Engineer Report

Solicitor Report

Report attached. Working on getting some information on lake dredging.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Cr.

Is the Borough still over an emergency declaration

Is there going to be any Hetzel Park working similar to the Tot Lot behind the fire house.

Asked a few questions on the Borough Hall Roof project.

Congratulated Chief Frazier

Michael Dougherty 315 Burke:

Thanked council about all of the work they have done during the pandemic.

Spoke on the geese problem at the lake. Would like to try and find away to alleviate this issue.

Parking on the corners has become an issue and would like to see it addressed.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy St.

Asked how many vacancies on boards and commissions for the Borough.

When are we going to find the funding for the American Recovery Plan

Asked about the lake project and what steps are we working on now. What is the time frame on dredging the lake.

Was the budget set aside for dredging of the lake.

Was the roof project included in the M&T Loan

Dawn Vital 422 Bartlett Ave:

Neighbors were receiving special snow removal. Working on a special project on at 421 Bartlett.

Would like to make sure to honor. Feels that she is being pitted against the neighbors.

Pat Walsh 202 E Rodgers:

200 Block of E Rodgers has a very quick down the to try and slow the little kids near the one-way section.

Action Items

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of: \$149,748.78
 - Motion: Dane Collins
 - Second: Len Pinto
 - Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve Tax Advance Note pay off to M&T Bank in the amount of \$506,667.81
 - Motion Dane Collins
 - Second: Sue Borchet
 - Vote 7/0

- Motion to approve Tot Lot Park permit for Barnstormers Community Theater from July 8-11 for *Annie, Jr.*
 - Motion: Len Pinto
 - Second: Michael McGinley
 - Vote 7/0
 - Motion to approve block party permit for 223 Baldwin Ave for July 3rd 2021
 - Motion: Sue Brochet
 - Second: Dane Collins
 - Vote 7/0
 - Motion to appoint members to the Ridley Park Borough Civil Service Commission
 - Dan Dalessio
 - Motion: Len Pinto
 - Second: Sue Borchert
 - Michelle Stock Mattus: Had a question on public safety liaison to the Civil being married to this appointee.
 - Solicitor responded he does not believe this is any direct conflict with this appointment..
 - Vote: 5/1/1 Michelle Stock Mattus voting in the negative and Michelle Endirss Dalessio abstaining.
 - Motion: Richard Guerra: John Byrne to Civil Service. Motion was altered to be tabled upon solicitor review
 - Second: Michael McGinley:
 - Vote: 4/2/1 Len Pinto and Sue Brochet voting in the negative Michelle Endirss Dalessio abstaining.
 - Motion Sue Brochet to appoint Mary Hopper
 - Second: Michelle stock Mattus
 - Vote 7/0
- Sue Brochet: There is a civil service commission a three-person board.
- Motion to approve award of Ridley Park Borough 2021 Road Program to A.F Damon, Upland, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$104,302.50
 - Motion: Richard Guerra
 - Second: Michael McGinley
 - Len Pinto: Asked if the material is being used is superior product.
 - Charles Catania: They are using the same specs for all of the bids and does not believe there is any concern.
 - Vote 7/0

Old Business

There are going to have the 4th of July Celebration on July 3rd. The Car show and Fire works will be on July 3rd at the Lake.

New Business

Michelle Stock Mattus asked about declaring June *Pride Month* in Ridley Park. Looking to raise a Pride Flag in front of Borough Hall. Asked if this could be approved by council. Borough Manager followed up after some discussion that he can speak with the Mayor about possibly doing a proclamation for this.

Adjourn

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

8:47PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr,

Borough Manager