



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus-Present

Councilor Dane Collins-Present

Councilor Richard Guerra-Present

Councilor William Kaelin-Present

Councilor Michael McGinley-Present

Council Vice-President Susan Brochet-Present

Mayor Hank Eberle- Present

Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio-Present

Approve Meeting Minutes for May 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 Council Meeting

Maker of the motion Brochet, second by McGinley Passes 6/0. Mattus abstained.

**Mayor's Report-**

We are finally in the yellow phase, this will be a great thing for the business of Ridley Park. Please still wear your mask and continue with social distancing. PJ Dolan stopped Hank and wanted to thank the Police department for all their hard work. The rest of the call was breaking up. Retirement dinner for a Beverly a Lakeview teacher for 35 years of service. Rich, borough Manager, president of council and mayor put together a letter thanking her for her service. The kids from Dean Street went around town giving out bags that were acts of kindness bags. They wanted to share kindness and joy around the neighborhood. They made bookmarks and bracelets to put in the bag. Sue is going to try to get the kids from Dean Street to come to a council meeting. Mike knows the kids personally and will get them in contact with Sue. Maker of the motion Collins, seconded by Brochet, passes 7/0

**Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission
  - No New Business
- Zoning Hearing Board
  - No New Business

- Code Enforcement
  - See attached report
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
  - We are now in the yellow phase. All business are starting to open up, please support local businesses
- HARB: Recommendation to council to approve the application for windows at ???

Maker of the Motion McGinley, Seconded by Collins, passed 7/0

Dane clarified what Sue stated that code will not be inspecting business based on COVID issues.

### **Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
  - Met and updated the chairperson Jim Walls about the franchise fees and renewal of the Verizon Contract
- Cable TV
  - See above
- Barnstormers
  - Not currently meeting
- Seniors Groups
  - Not currently meeting

Maker of the motion, Mattus, Seconded by Guerra. Passes 7/0

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

- Trash and Recycling
  - Not currently meeting
- School Board
  - The budget is not going to increase, Mr. Capazzoli is home.
- CDCA
  - Up to date on everything

Maker of the motion, Brochet, second by Collins. Passes 7/0

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

- Library Board
  - See attached report. There is a change to temporary hours.
- Historical Commission
  - Not currently meeting
- H.A.R.B. Committee
  - Meets before workshop and did approve the window application for ???

Maker of the motion, McGinley, second by Brochet. Passes 7/0

### **Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)**

- Finance
  - General Fund balance is, the bill list is,
  - We were expecting the CDCA bill this month but unfortunately it has not been received, it will be on next months bill list.
  - Committee did meet and went over the DCED and other items they plan to get the ball rolling one. As far as the DCED there was a loss and they

contribute that to increased Code Enforcement costs, also increased health care costs, and additional costs for the Borough Hall Roof and engineering fees for Hillside Road. There were also a large amount of taxes that were turned over to Portnoff.

- Grants
  - In regards with the borough hall roof, Rich and Bill plan on speaking with the county about getting an additional grant to assist with what needs to be done with the borough hall, library and firehouse. The county isn't too concerned with complexes at the moment, but the borough still hopes to sit down and talk to them about a grant.
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- Personnel
  - N/A

Maker of the motion Mattus, second by McGinley passes 7/0

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

- Highway Department
  - The crews are back to full staffing working on different odds and ends around town.
  - The Borough building are being sanitized as well as masks, and hand sanitizer
- Shade Tree Committee
  - Not currently meeting
- Recreation Board
  - Not currently meeting

Maker of the motion, Brochet, second Mattus passes 7/0

Sue asked is the Victorian Fair has been cancelled, it is still up in the air. Nothing is official yet.

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

- Police Department Report
  - See attached report
  - Mattus wanted to thank the Chief and all the officers for everything they have done during such a hard time. We truly appreciate it.
    - Chief Frazier commended his officers for keeping the town safe during such a trying time. Not only dealing with COVID but dealing with rioting and protesting on top of that. They are all doing a great job.
- Fire Department Report
  - See attached report.
- Board of Health
  - Met last month to discuss the COVID restriction. They drafted a letter to be sent to business about what the CDC guidelines are to open. Many business are still open with outdoor seating, take out and some business are not open yet.
  - The Running Company is starting up their running club. They are meeting at Vet Park

- Emergency Management
  - Biweekly calls discussing COVID. It seems less and less communication from the County. We believe this is a good thing.
- Civil Service
  - Not currently meeting

Maker of the motion McGinley, second by Brochet passes 7/0

Mattus asked if the Board of Health will be doing any inspections in regard to COVID. President Dalessio stated they will be doing random inspections and if they receive any calls.

McGinley followed up on the running club. It is open to everyone even walkers. It's a two-mile loop through the borough. He highly recommends it.

### **Manager Report**

-will be posted on website

### **Engineer Report**

-Borough Hall roof, bids were open, two bids were received. \$300,000 and \$425,000. His recommendation is to reject these bids as they are well above our budget and put it out to bid again.

-An email was received from PENNDOT and the contractor for Hillside road stating they have a COVID claim in that PennDot denied and it was bounced back to Ridley Park for a potential claim of COVID delays in the amount of \$45,000.

### **Solicitor Report**

-No report

### **Public Comment**

-no comments or questions

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve accounts payable for the month of May in the amount of \$138,373.92

Maker of the motion Kalein, second by Mattus passes 7/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Application for Baldwin and Partridge for Norm Staley

Maker of the motion Guerra, second by Brochet passes 7/0

Michele asked if there are any restrictions for outdoor gathers, Dalessio stated that this is for mid July and hopefully we will be in green by then. Collins stated its 250 and under when in the green phase.

### **Old Business**

**-No old Business**

### **New Business**

-McGinley, noted that there are several people that are doing pop up libraries around town. This is a wonderful this since the library is closed. He suggests walking throughout town to check them out. Dalessio stated if anyone knows of them we can post them online. Mattus stated the reason the Library is still closed for social distancing and the safety of all.

-Next month we start once a month meetings. Workshop is half an hour before council.

**Adjourn**

**Motion Dalessio, second by Kaelin passes 7/0**