



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Session
June 20, 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

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held May 2017. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions or comments from Council motion passed.

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle) No Report

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Planning Commission – Meet on June 28, 2017 to discussed plans for 123 Rosemont and 611 Swarthmore .
Zoning Board- Convened meeting on May 18, 2017 to review variance requests for 525 E Hinkley Ave for a variance for the side yard setback. After discussion, the zoning board granted the variance for the side yard setback. The Zoning Hearing Board also reorganized. The board accepted the resignation of Frank Bisaccia from the board. Mr. Bisaccia has served the board for 25 years. The board offered heartfelt thanks. The board also appointed Christine Kahmer to the

board with her term expiring December 31, 2018 and appointed Jeff Craig from the alternate position. The Board is currently accepting applications for an alternate board member.

Code Enforcement –See attached report.

Volunteers - Tuesday May 23rd trash and litter was collected from the underpass with the permission by Amtrak.

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

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

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Fire: Fire Marshall Brian Gillmore-stepping in for Fire Chief presented his report (See Attached)

Police: Chief Frazier presented his report (See attached monthly report.)

Chief Frazier wanted to mention the new traffic calming devices which were recently purchased, thanking the Public Safety Committee and all of Council.

Chief Frazier also informed Council members that the Police Department is prepared for the events scheduled for July 1st and July 4th. A Community Service detail will be taking place on July 2nd at the Lake to clean up debris left from the July 1st festivities.

The Police Department is actively involved in informing the schools regarding the dangers of Opiate use and to date as counseled over 900 students and 1500 adults. Chief Frazier recently discovered grant funds which can be recovered to cover the cost of recently purchased vests for the police officers. A new Community Policing Grant will be submitted by the Ridley Park Borough Police Department. He also mentioned recently purchased forensic mobile equipment purchased with a grant. Chief Frazier also informed Council of the recent string of car robberies, and wanted to warn the residents to please lock their cars.

Board of Health – Mosquito spraying is taking place every Wednesday night through October. No meeting is scheduled for the summer.

Emergency Management – No report

Motion to accept Public Safety by Mrs. Dalessio and second by Mr. Broadhurst

Parks and Property (Councilor Shellie Endriss—Dalessio)

Highway Department –Continues to cut grass

The Business Association- No meeting scheduled

Athletic Club- Five of the 10 softball teams in the league, have made the playoffs.

Shade Tree- Did not meet

Motion to accept Parks and Property 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- Met on May 25, 2017 and approved application #2017-004 at 209 Park St. for a railing. Also heard request to refinish shutters at the Ice House.

Historical Commission – Will meet on July 6, 2017.

Library Board – Report Attached

Historical Society – no meeting.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Gale and second By Mr. Glenn.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Finance and Personnel (President Berger)

Accounts Payable – Bills totaling \$167,478.39

Main Streets – A blood drive will be held on August 8, 2017 between the hours of 3:30 and 8:00 pm. The goal is to have 40 people register. Next meeting is June 28, 2017 at Casey's Restaurant.

CDCA – Currently working with 12 municipalities and Sewer Authority to comply with state stormwater regulations. E The stormwater program to be in place by the end of September 2017.

Grants – Mr. Berger announced that the borough was notified recently of a C.D.B.G. grant in the amount of \$192,750.00 to be used for street improvement. These funds, leveraged with another \$400,000.00 from the borough, will make this the most monies utilized in any one year to improve streets in the borough. The list of streets includes: Lodomus Ave, Riverview Ave, Hetzel Rd, Collier Circle, Stull Rd., W, Dupont, Chestnut, Baldwin Ave., Delaware Ave., Sellers Ave., and Chester Pike. In addition, Mr. Berger announced that the borough will be reimbursed from the Commonwealth's Act 902 grant program in the amount of \$185,000.00 for the recently purchased leaf machine.

July 4th Festivities: Activities at the Lake on July 1st to include a watermelon eating contest, car show and fireworks to take place at sunset. The parade will take place on July 4th.

Taylor Hospital – Council President Berger noted that property taxes have been received from Taylor Hospital/Crozer. However, tax monies were received, less 25% which will be held in escrow until the appeal has been settled.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mr. Gale and second By Mr. Glenn
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

Telecommunications – Meeting to take place on Thursday, June 22, 2017 with company to look at Telecommunications equipment. Mr. Brennan suggested to Council, that the borough should budget appropriately in the next four budget cycles to ensure that funds are available should new equipment be needed.

Barnstormers – Open auditions to be held 7/18 and 7/25 for the upcoming play,

Barnstormers also, are still having Zumba Classes on Saturday Morning all proceeds support theatre in Ridley Park.

Seniors Groups- Thursday June 22nd hosted by Glenn Riddle a presentation on Assisted Living and the county D.A. office will be holding a program on July 13th with a presentation on Senior Scams.

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

Administrative Reports

Solicitor – No report

Engineer – Please see report.

Public Comment

Andy Furman- 419 Pomeroy St. Address council about the Aqua Road Program and what happens when Aqua stops paving. Per President Berger we have Aqua and street paving budgeted. Mr. Furman also inquired about the members of Council who comprise the Finance Committee, and surplus funds available in the budget. Mr. Furman also questioned Council regarding the dredging of the lake and the cost.

Mr. Berger informed Mr. Furman that the borough has received grants in the past to cover the cost of the cleanup of the lake, however; issues have arisen recently regarding the presence of wildlife and D.E.P. permitting that have complicated the process.

Action Items

***Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning in the amount of \$167,478.39. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to appoint Christine Kahmer to the Zoning Hearing Board. Term shall expire 12/31/18. The motion was made by Mr. Gale, and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed.

***Motion:** to appoint Kevin R. Tobias as Borough Treasurer and Right to Know Officer. Motion was made by President Berger, and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Brennan asked about the status of the additional highway worker for the borough. President Berger informed Council that the proposed individual did not pass background standards as set forth by the borough, and that the process may be prolonged.

Mrs. Endiss-Dalesio questioned Mr. Catania (Borough Engineer) regarding the LED street light. Mr. Catania will look into the street light.

Mr. Brennan questioned whether the proposed street repairs will be put out for bid. He was informed that the streets project will be put out for bid. Must be mindful of the streets located by the schools to make sure they are complete prior to school starting in the fall.

Mr. Berger also informed Council that an additional small street area to be complete in 2017 at an approximate cost of \$30,000.00 dollars, which may be funded with additional funds provided from AQUA Water for street repairs.

New Business

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

Meeting Adjourned