



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
September 18, 2018

Call to order 7:00PM

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan- Present

Councilor Dane Collins- Present

Councilor Mike Gale-Present

Councilor William Kaelin-Present

Councilor Susan McAtee- Present

Council Vice-President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present

Mayor Hank Eberle- Present

Council President Jim Glenn- Present

Citation Presentation Patrolman Thomas Byrne Jr.

Swearing in of McKenzie Sperratore as a Part-time Police Officer

Mayor's Report

- There was the rededication of the Spirit of America Park over the weekend by Life Scout Ed Caleo. This park rededicated with the help of 32 local businesses. The Mayor would also like to recognize the Police and Fire Departments who helped along the way.
- Talked a little bit of a group over near ABC Field "Friends of ABC Field" who is doing some great activities for the residents in that area. Keep up the great work.
- Unfortunately, the Ridley Park Victorian Fair was rained out this year but is looking forward to next year.
- Reminder to residents that October 7th is the Ridley Park Fall Festival and encourages all residents to come out and support local businesses.

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 7/0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan McAtee)

- Planning Commission

- Planning Commission met on Aug 22nd but was an unofficial meeting to discuss Church's Auto project. They will be meeting on Sept 26th to discuss and make recommendation to council.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - Zoning granted a variance for 531 Crum Lynn Rd for a fence to ensure a safer sightline is given to the corner. This variance was approved 5/0
- Code Enforcement
 - Report Attached
- Recreation Board
 - The Victorian Fair was canceled due to rain this year and money is being refunded to vendors.

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Jared Brennan

Councilor Gale had some questions about the damage near 123 Rosemont and asked that it continues to be monitored as the project moves on.

Vote: 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - Wanted to once again thank Patrolman Byrne for his dedication to the Borough.
 - Report Attached
- Fire Department Report
 - Report Attached
 - Fire Prevention Month is October. Please keep an eye out for information about the Fire Dept. open house.
- Board of Health
 - Meeting will be held next month and has nothing to report at this time.
- Emergency Management
 - Will be meeting in the near future to discuss upcoming storms and dangers of weather
- There will be a benefit for Borough Secretary Staccone and her son on Oct 21st and hope people can support and attend.
- Fall Festival will be Oct 7th please come out and support this great event information is in Borough Hall.

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Sue McAtee

Vote: 7/0

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - Discussed the needs and issues that the Borough Council Chambers' video equipment is having.
 - Looking to get the Borough Code added to the website as soon as possible for residents to access.
- Barnstormers
 - Upcoming Shows for the Fall Season please check their website for details.

- Seniors Groups
 - o Still meeting on a regular basis and having their events.
- Lakeview Elementary has been awarded a \$50,000 for playground improvements. Wanted to congratulate the organization for the work they have done in getting this grant.

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: William Kaelin

Vote: 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Mike Gale)

- Trash and Recycling
 - o Wanted to remind residents to not place plastic in their yard waste bags. When the bags are disposed of the Borough can receive a fine for the debris in the bags.
 - o Worked with the Committee to get together a draft proposal for dog waste station for the parks. Working with the Borough Manager to see if there are any grant opportunities to be submitted. Looking for 13 stations at a total of \$9,300 over 5 years.
 - o Looking to add signage to the trash cans and recycling cans to distinguish between the two.
 - o There is a recycling event coming up on Oct.6th . If you are interested there is information on the Borough Website.
- School Board
 - o Did not attend School Board meeting and have nothing to report.

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 7/0

Public Relations (Councilor Jared Brennan)

- Library Board
 - o Report Attached
- Historical Commission
 - o No Meeting
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o No Meeting over the summer.

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
 - o Wants to start looking at changing banks in order to provide a more efficient way of accessing accounts and information. Wants to get a few proposal form banks to see what might be the best fit.
 - o Solicitor believes there should be an RFP for professional services.
 - o Working to develop a preliminary budget and want to try and have this together for the Nov 7th Workshop meeting.
 - o DCSW will be increasing there fees for the first time in several years so there will be an impact on that part of the budget.

- Wanted to reiterate something from the Auditor Management letter that Council members are signing off on purchase order for the accounts payable. This is to ensure we are getting several sets of eyes on the bills we are paying for the departments.
- CDCA
 - No update

Motion: Jared Brennen

Second: Sue McAtee

Councilor Gale had a question about the prospect holding from 2017 and are we going to have to give money back in 2018 from this? Also, will the County 2021 reassessment have an impact on this?

The Solicitor provided an update for this stating that the property was over assessed and when the reassessment came in lower than expected there might be money that would have to go back from the escrow account. The impact is still to be seen as they are in the process of the 2021 reassessment.

Vote 7/0

Parks & Properties (Council President Jim Glenn)

- Highway Department
 - Mosquito spraying is ongoing and will continue for the next several weeks.
- Personnel
 - Danielle Staccone may not be returning to the Borough and we might be looking for a replacement in the near future. If there is anyone that may be interested in the position, please contact Borough Hall.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - Looking for Grants for next year
- Properties
 - There are a lot of needs coming up in the near future for the Borough including equipment and building repairs.
- There will be a brief Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss some matters.

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

Manager Report

The Borough Code is being reprinted and should hopefully be up on the website shortly for residents to access.

We had a tree fall into the silt basin last week and we had to get that removed for safety concerns. Wanted to make everyone aware.

Please provide updated Board and Committee Contact information.

Engineers Report

Report Attached

Solicitor Report

No report

Public Comment

Charles Bailey 324 Glennlock

Wanted to bring to the attention of Council the concerns about a drain between 324 and 400 Glennlock.

Andy Furman 314 Pomeroy

Had concerns about the assessment of Taylor hospital and the other properties. Wanted to understand why the numbers have changed so much from what was originally discussed. Also had concerns about how this will affect the budget for 2019 with the property no longer being exempt and having to pay taxes.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for May in the amount of \$186,951.23

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Jared Brennan

Vote 7/0

- Park Application for ABC Park October 14th

Motion: Dane Collins

Second : Jared Brennan

Vote: 7/0

-Approval of HARB Application for 421 N Swarthmore Ave.

Motion: Jared Brennan

Second: William Kaelin

Vote: 7/0

Old Business

Councilor Gale had questions about Signal service and some issue over near Hetzel and Chester Pike.

Councilor Gale also wanted to follow up on work that was being done to the Fountain Shed and to see if that can get painted.

New Business

Councilor Sue McAtee wanted to bring attention of a vacancy of the planning commission. Has received letters and will share with the Planning Commission.

Councilor William Kaelin wanted to bring to the attention of Council the possibility of an Earned Income Tax. Gathering information from Keystone Collections Group to help provide some more guidance. The tax could help generate up to 1 million dollars of revenue. Would like to look into this and see what we could do with the money. Along with that asked what needed to be done in order to pass this ordinance.

The Solicitor suggested we should look into the steps Council would like to take and how to draft the ordinance. Mentioned the need for publication before a vote could be finalized on the tax.

Adjourn

Motion: Sue McAtee

Second Dane Collins

Vote 7/0