



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council  
October 19, 2021

**Welcome**

**Roll Call**

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

Motion to approve Council Minutes for September 21<sup>st</sup> , 2021

**Mayor's Report**

Since the last meeting there have been a great number of good things. The Fall Festival was a great event and wanted to thank Sue Brochet and Michelle Endriss Dalessio for all their hard work on the event. Wanted to thank the police department and the highway department for their work.

Went to visit the lake and all the great dredging that occurred at our lake. Thanked Councilor Collins and Borough Manager for their work on this project. This is such a staple to our community.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Fire Dept had their open house. This was a great attendance and was thankful for the fire department and all those who came out to support this event.

Spoke on the Borough Clean up that was organized by Richard Guerra. This was a great thing to get started up again.

RPAC had their homecoming last few weeks. This was a great turn out for the community. Was attended by many and had a huge turn out. Thanked Bob Berger and the RPAC for such a great event.

The Pumpkin Patch at Christ Church. Please support this great tradition.

Spoke on the passing of Edith McFall over the last week. She was a longtime resident and library board chairperson.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission
  - o Did meet but did not have a quorum. They received the Act 537 plan for future sewer treatment.
  - o Next meeting will be the 27<sup>th</sup> and will providing recommendations.
- Zoning Hearing Board-
  - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
  - o Report attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
  - o Last weekend was the Fall Festival. Was a great turn out and thanked all the vendors who were in attendance
  - o Thanked the Borough, Police Department and the Highway Dept for all of their help on that day.
  - o Next event will be the Halloween parade on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye out for more information

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Thanked for all the help on the event. Was a great turn out for this year. Thanked all that helped.

All of this was echoed by Council and the Mayor.

Vote 6/0

### **Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
  - o Did not meet this month
  - o There are two vacancies on this committee
- Cable TV
  - o No update
  - o Ernie may have an update
- Barnstormers
  - o Little Shop of Horrors will be next week. Please come out and join.
  - o They will be hosting a one act day for any that wish to attend
- Seniors Groups

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 6/0

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

- Trash and Recycling -
  - o Please notify the Borough of any misses for the trash or recycling collection
- School Board-
  - o No update for the school board
- CDCA-
  - o Waiting for the October meeting for the cost for the 2022 budget

- St. Madeline's will be having their carnival and Christ Church for the pumpkin patch
- Count is having E Waste event on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. You will need to register for this event. One TV per household.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Len Pinto

Sue Brochet: Can we use CodeRED for any concerns on trash collections and misses due to weather.

Vote 6/0

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

- Wanted to Thank the Borough Staff for all of the work on the newsletter for leaf collection. Thanked staffs for all of the work
- Library Board-
  - Report attached
  - Mary Ellen Kenney has retired at the Children's Librarian and is now working the circulation desk.
  - There is an action item later in the agenda to approve a new Librarian
- Spoke on Edith McFall and her dedication to the Borough. She will be missed and was truly dedicated to the Board
- Historical Commission
  - No Update
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
  - No Update

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 6/0

**Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Finance-
  - Report attached
  - Met on last Wednesday to discuss the budget
  - Having a preliminary budget for Borough Council approval at the next Workshop Meeting
  - Councilors are looking to do a walk thru on Capital project
- Grants
  - Waiting to hear from the Delco Greenway Grants decision. Will update Council when there is more news.
- Personnel
  - Asked Council for an executive session to discuss a few personnel matter.

Moton: Len Pinto

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 6/0

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

- Highway Department-
  - Report attached.

- Shade Tree Committee
- Recreation Board

Motion : Sue Brochet

Second: Michael McGinley

Len Pinto: The Borough cleanup was a great success. Thanked all the people that came out to help clean up it was able to help clean up.

Michael McGinley: There was some areas that needed some clean up but there was great work for all that helped.

Vote: 6/0

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

- Police Department Report-
  - o Report attached
  - o Thanked Cpl Hanley on organizing the day to day operation for the Fall Festival. Thanked for all his help
  - o Officer Golden helped take a suicidal patient off of the track from the Crum Lynn Station
  - o Office Quinlan and Kiesel for their work on responding to a fire scene
  - o The Carnival will be this week. We are working with the School.
  - o Halloween is this month. Please report any concern. There will be extra police on the streets
  - o Received a Ballistic Vest Grant for 4,000 dollars. This will help cover the cost of future vests.
- Fire Department Report
  - o Report attached
- Board of Health
  - o Had their meeting this month. Discussed flu season. Be sure to get your Flu Shot.
  - o They are all over the county.
- Emergency Management-
- Civil Service
  - o Meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Len Pinto

Michelle Stock Mattus: If there are any streetlights out, please let the Borough know if there are any lights. Please be mindful of driving around.

Vote: 6/0

### **Junior Councilor Colin Walls**

Fall Sports are wrapping up at the High School

College Financial Ad will be at the Highschool

October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Fight Night please check the website for more information.

### **Manager Report**

## **Engineer Report**

## **Solicitor Report**

Verizon Agreement is being review at 2PM tomorrow. We should have a final agreement at the Council Workshop

## **Public Comment**

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: Recycling was not collected on Hetzel or on Stull Road. They collected the recycling in with the trash. Capital improvement project would there be public input on these project. Spoke on the lake project concern of the storge of the silt from the sediment

Kathleen and Anhtony310 Hinkson: Critara for the Spoke with Tony on adding a fence to the property. The Fencing send a second request. 308 Hinkson was installed in corrected the property.

Andy Furman: 419 Pomery Street: Haverford Twp there was no confusion of the project was how to use ARPA funds. Will we know how we are going to spend the money soon?

Eight years ago the cost was 80,000 but now there was 200,000 for the cost of the lake. Concerns about the main part of the lake. Triple the cost of 8 years.

Ridley Park DROP ordinance. This was the longest ordinance for the Borough Council.

Questions about the DROP program. There was no transparency on the lake.

Greenway's grant could be an option to cover the cost of dredging the lake.

Michelle Stock Mattus spoke on the Marcellus shale on finding the grant. We are working on any options to dredging lake. Those funds are not as easy to come by as they once were.

Dane: Spoke on options for way to see where the money can come from.

## **Action Items**

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of: \$ 487,458.87
  - Motion: Dane Collins
  - Second: Len Pinto
  - Vote: 6/0
- Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-5: Ridley Park Borough DROP Ordinance for Uniformed Pension Plan
  - Motion: Dane Collins
  - Second: Sue Brochet
  - Vote: 6/0
- Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> payment to A.F. Damon in the amount of \$90,724.15 for 2021 Road Program using Liquid Fuel Funds
  - Motion: Dane Collins
  - Second: Mike McGinley
  - Vote: 6/0
- Motion to approve the hiring of Kathleen Wolverton to Library Director as recommended by the Ridley Park Library Board
  - Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus
  - Second: Len Pinto
  - Vote 6/0

**Old Business**

Chili Cookout was a great success for the ABC and there was a Rod Stewart impressionist and was a great time for all

**New Business**

Hank: Wanted to mention the lake and there are a lot of pros and cons are that those who decide. There are pluses and minus and now we have a finished project. We were working with limited funds.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Len Pinot

8:20 PM