



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council
November 16, 2021

Welcome

Roll Call

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

Motion to approve Council Minutes for September 12, 2021

Motion: Sue

Second: Len

Mayor's Report

Spoke on the lake and this project being completed in 2021. This is a big success for the holding pond and the fishing dock. We know this is going to be a cost, but it is important part of our community. Shared a photo with the community from the Daily Times.

Spoke on how many officers were on duty and how great of a job they did this year. Thanked all the officers for going above and beyond for the trick or treaters this year.

Veterans' Day is a very important day in our history. The name of this day has changed several times but this is still a day to honor those who have served in the armed forces.

Provided some Ridley Park History from 1896 about the gavel that was presented back then and is still used to this day. More history included the plaque for the veterans of the first World War 1. Provided history on bathing in the lake of Ridley Park years ago. Thanksgiving last year looked a lot different than it did years past. Looking forward to being able to gather with family and friends again this year.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o Planning meet on October 22 and review Act 537 planning commission presented comments and concerns.
 - o They will not meet unless there is a matter to meet on
- Zoning Hearing Board-
 - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
 - o Report attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
 - o Halloween Costume Parade went well and thanked all that attended.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
 - o Waiting for final decisions from Verizon
- Cable TV
 - o Franchise Fees came in for this event
- Barnstormers
 - o Rudolph is going on now. Please check their website for tickets and times.
- Seniors Groups

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling –
 - o There have been some misses in the last few weeks but please let us know as soon as you can. We can try and get it on the next collection day.
- School Board-
 - o High School Football is working to play in a playoff game in Coatesville this weekend. This will be a great year for Ridley High School Football.
- CDCA-
 - o Numbers went up from CDCA and we are working to pay out for this year. Bob Berger is our rep and has worked hard to finalize the numbers on the upcoming 2022 budget.
 - o Working to educate some of the cost on CDCA for the upcoming year.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board-
 - o Library Board Attached
- Historical Commission

- Historic Society would be the one to do House Tours.
- Working to try and organize for the upcoming anniversary next year
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
 - Two approvals are on the agenda.
 - There is a collouge that would be would will to present for the upcoming HARB meeting in order to provide some history

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Len Pinto

Vote: 7/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Finance-
 - Provided bank balance and finance report
 - Read a report on the DCSWA trash increase for 2022
 - Spoke on the possible decrease of 3% from 12%
 - Will be meeting with the Rep to discuss the future flow agreements. We would like to try and educate residents.
 - There are some senses of limbo of what options the Borough has.
- Grants
- Personnel

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department-
 - Leaf Collection is underway
 - Please take a look at our website, social media and telephone poles to Borough Hall.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - No Report
- Recreation Board

2021 Holiday Decorating Contest is going on now. Please call Borough Hall to register.

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - Halloween was a success
 - Cpl. Hanley was charge with organizing this event.
 - Officer Josh Powley and Becker. There was a violent car jacking. They were very instrumental in helping catch these criminals.

- Officer Powley and Officer Kisela were instrumental in helping to respond to a fire on Shaw Road.
- Cpl Quinlan helped respond for two suspects and were located with the help of Jagar
- House checks are still going on during the holiday season
- Fire Department Report
 - Not in attendance
- Board of Health
 - Will be meeting in the first week of December 8th
- Emergency Management-
 - No reports
- Civil Service
 - They reorganized and looking to meet over Civil Service Requirement

Santa will be arriving at 1:30PM via the SEPTA.

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Richard Guerra

Junior Councilor Colin Walls

There will be a spirit day at the high school for the football team. Along with that Elf is now showing at the High School.

Manager Report

On the bill list there are several approvals for large bills. They are broken down in order to show the use of the funds in order to complete some capital projects.

Engineer Report

Report Attached

Solicitor Report

No Report

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: October 12 mins there was an issue with the minutes.

Lights on Catania Park were left on over night. Was concerned they were left on overnight. Can these lights be turned off at a certain time? Recycling was missed on a few streets during the week. Can we work on a public campaign to put out on the recycling? Is there a way to offset this cost from a state grant.

Paul Mattus 106 Poplar Walk: Asked if Len Alteti is going to be a regular appearance at the meeting as the Borough Solicitor.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy St.: Trash and CDCA. You failed to provide that the milage for the 2022 budget year. What is that increase percent wise. Was any of that ARPA funds calculating. Was there a DROP program mentioned in the negotiations of the property. This DROP program is very controversial in other municipalities. There were other items that are related to the contract.

Action Items

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of: \$ 208,856.66
Motion: Dane Collins
Second: Len Pinto
Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 14 W Ward Street under the recommendation of HARB
- Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus
- Second: Michael McGinley
- Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 20 W Ward Street under the recommendation of HARB
- Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus
- Second: Michael McGinley
- Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve final payment of \$14,450.00 to A to U services for Borough Hall roof replacement
- Motion: Richard Guerra
- Second: Sue Brochet
- Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve final payment of \$10,080.46 to A F Damon for 2021 Road Program using Liquid Fuel Finds
- Motion: Richard Guerra
- Second: Michael McGinley
- Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve payment to JMC Contractors in the amount of \$225,000.00 for 2021 Lake Dredging
- Motion: Richard Guerra
- Second: Sue Brochet
- Vote 7/0

Old Business

Sue Brochet spoke on 310 Hinkson Blvd. and their denial on being able to put a fence up. When a house is on a corner. The intersecting streets are considered front yards.

Len Pinto: There are other houses that have been denied the ability to put a fence up on the corner property. They are being penalized about it being on the corner.

Michael McGinley: Why there concerns on where the fences would need to change.

Len Pinto: We would not change to change the language on the draft of the space.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Each end of the street for the properties that are out there.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Would be fearful of where the fences

Solicitor: Can present drafts from the corner properties on if this wants to be what the next steps.

Michelle Stock Mattus: Are there an avenue that they can address this issue. Further discussion on where fences need to be put up.

Borough Manager will follow up with Council with some information from surrounding communities. Will discuss a the next Workshop meeting.

New Business

No New Business

Adjourn

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Time 8:18

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager