



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
March 1, 2022 7:00PM

Welcome

Call to order at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

American Rescue Plan Act Public Discussion

Minutes attached

Mayor's Report

No Report

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

Will have regular report at the regular meeting

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Code Enforcement
- HARB

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - There are still two spots available for this group. Please reach out to the Borough Manager

- Cable TV
- Library
- Historic Commission

Parks and Properties/ Trash and Recycling (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Properties

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - School district is moving away from mask requirement. This came out of the most recent school board meeting.
- Recreation Board
 - Did not meet this month.
- Barnstormers
 - Murder Mystery has been Canceled
- Main Streets of Ridley Park

Community Organization (Council President Dane Collins)

Will have normal report at the regular meeting.

- Seniors
- RPAC
- Shade Tree

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance
 - Will have normal report at regular meeting.
- Grants
 - Congratulate the Grant of \$15,000 for the Fire Dept.
- Personnel
 - Lake clean up 3/26/2022. The meeting will be down at the lake. Please sign up in advance. There will be the Borough wide clean up on Saturday April 2. Looking for another good turnout. Will be reaching out to local community groups.

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

Will have normal report

- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Board of Health
- Emergency Management
- Civil Service
 - Jim Headly was approved and appointed to this position

Junior Councilor Colin Walls

- Prom tickets will be going on sale soon.

- Ridley Indoor track came in 10th at the State Championship over the last few weeks.

Manager Report

- The Ridley Park Borough Audit will be coming up in the next few weeks and will be updating Council.
- The Chester Pike Group has been awarded some funds from Aqua and our State Senator. Will be working to make improvements to the corridor soon.

Council Business

Len Pinto spoke on the fee schedule and asked if the Council was able to look at the current and previous schedule. Would like to bring to a resolution to the next regular meeting. There are some changes, but they will be working on how the document should look at other municipalities.

- Kim Collins: Had question regarding the breakdown of fees.
- Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked the Borough on how they worked on this fee schedule and the updates.

Richard Guerra: Shared the fireworks ordinance of Glenolden Borough on the work that can try and get ahead of the 4th of July. A new ordinance would allow them to have some more teeth to oversee these fireworks.

- Dane Collins: Wanted to make sure we have commercial allowance of the fireworks.
- Michelle Stock Mattus: We should look at a more openness to having fireworks.

Dane Collins: Shared a letter of support for Ridley Park Athletic Club. Shared the letter of support on how the Catania Park project.

Discussed the resolution about the public comment section of the meeting. Looking to add a signup sheet and you can email the Borough manager. There will be rules and regulations to virtual meeting. There was some discussion about the signup sheet about how council would enforce. Would there be a way to extend the public comment.

Christ Church adding the naming of the alleyway. Would like to pass a resolution for the alleyway for them to be delivered to an actual address.

Public Comment

Eileen Sommers 21 E Hinckley: has there been any discussion that there be an alternative to the Civil Service Commission. Would like to see an additional member added. Made a plea that we try not to limit or prevent public comment. Said Council has done a good job in the past.

- Kim Collins: That there would be language that would comply with the sunshine act.

Jenifer 508 Thayer: The reason for the fireworks ordinance was for better separation between gun fire. Fireworks should be restricted to a certain time.

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: Borough Cleanup day is April 2nd. Concern about that signup sheet about what would prevent people from commenting on what have may have come up during the meeting. Does not think the resolution is a good idea. Echoed the concern about civil service. Would like to see an alternate solution. 100 North Swarthmore Ave has some trees that are not dead and would like to see if Shade Tree could step in to prevent the cutting down of some of these older trees on the property. How many units are going to go into these units? Concern with the off-street parking and these properties with how many units. Please fix the fire department mold issue in the community room.

- Len Pinto: Does not believe this should be the fair for a Borough official to approach the owner of the house to remove the trees.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street: What was the \$15,000 used for at the Fire Department. What gutters were being discussed at the library and the gutter system. Some concerns about the signup sheet about people not being able to attend. Concern that they can put their name on the sheet that they cannot speak. Concern that Taylor Hospital is looking to be sold. They are looking at buying this property. Was told that the tax revenue loss for the Borough was 365k per year. What the tax-exempt loss for the Borough? When will the solicitor provide his comment at the next meeting?

Bob McLaughlin 202 Creswell: When will we know when the preliminary plan be developed? Wants the public to share input on what they will have on the Borough.

- Len Pinto: Would like to see council use the money to help as many people as possible. Would like to see on getting money from the County.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for February 1, 2022

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve HARB Application 2022-3 Certificate of Appropriateness for 205 E Ridley Ave as recommended by HARB

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 6/0

- Motion to approve HARB Application 2022-4 Certificate of Appropriateness for 209 Creswell Ave as recommended by HARB

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Preliminary Road Program List for 2022 Liquid Fuels Allocation

Motion Richard Guerra

Second: Kim Collins

Vote: 6/0

-Motion to approve Betsy Christopher to Ridley Park Historic Commission for a term of 2 years set to expire December 31, 2023

Motion Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 6/0

- Motion to approve Patricia Farthing to Ridley Park Historic Commission for a term of 4 years set to expire December 31, 2025

Motion Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote: 6/0

Adjourn

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 6/0

Time 9:10PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager