



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 15, 2022 7:00PM

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council will be holding an executive session after the meeting regarding a personal matter.

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Absent

Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio- Present

Councilor Kim Collins- Present

Councilor Michael McGinley- Present

Councilor Len Pinto- Present

Council Vice President-Richard Guerra- Present

Mayor Hank Eberle- Present

Council President Dane Collins- Present

Junior Councilor Colin Walls- Present

**Mayor's Report**

Shared a letter from a resident on a great response from a police officer. This officer went above and beyond on responding to an incident. Wanted to commend the officers and Police Department for their great work.

The owner of the new local bakery, Arubor will be leaving to head to the Ukraine in the near future to help with the war. The owner will help in being a translator.

For the month of March he shared some information about colon cancer. He shared some first hand experiences of having colon cancer for near six months. Wants to help bring awareness to this matter since the more information they know will help prevent this from being a life ending cancer.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)**

- Planning Commission
  - o Did not meet in the month of February
- Zoning Hearing Board

- Did not meet in the month of February
- Code Enforcement-
  - Report is attached
- HARB
  - Two applications were reviewed last month. Those two applications were approved at the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved at the Council Workshop meeting.
  - There was a discussion for several properties for advisory discussions.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

**Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus) Absent**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- Cable TV
- Library
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department
  - Worked on repairing some hazardous potholes around the Borough.
  - Street list for the 2022 Resurfacing Project was presented. Will be asking for the Borough Engineer to seek bids for these projects.
- Trash and Recycling
  - Met earlier this month. There were more discussions on how to better educate residents to recycle and how to have better recycling habits. Looking to try and have a guest speaker to come and explain the importance of recycling.
  - This was the first time they have met in the last two years and was good to get everyone together.
  - E Waste Event will be May 14<sup>th</sup> the location will be located down at the Ridley Lake. The logistics are still being worked out to try and streamline the process.
  - Recycling Cans are sold at Borough Hall for \$15.
- Parks and Properties
  - CRC Clean up will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9AM this will be located down at the Ridley Lake.
  - Community Wide Clean up will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9AM all around the Borough.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 6/0

**Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board
  - Kindergarten registration is open now.
  - The School District is looking to hire seven positions for teachers. There are also several other positions. The district website is having the details for these positions.

- \$20,000 was raised during the annual mini-thon
- Eddystone will have a free store for parents with some clothing for the parents during conferences this month.
- Lakeview had a drive by for Ukraine to help raise supplies and funds for those in need.
- Recreation Board
  - The Ridley Park Community Yard Sale will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The maps will be available on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Borough website.
  - The Community Playground event will be happening this year. Will be happening in the summer. More information will be coming out once the dates are confirmed.
- Barnstormers
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> will be auditions for Seussical with the show going on in June of this year.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Park

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 6/0

### **Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Seniors
  - No update currently.
- RPAC
  - Softball indoor clinics are going on. More information is on the website for those who are interested
  - High School Coaches and Players will be offering a clinic for younger athletes
  - There are going to be a number of fundraisings for High School Softball. Please keep an eye out for more information.
  - Opening Day will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Clinics will be going on for the Ridley Park Baseball and Tee Ball as well.
  - This registration will be open until March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ridley Park Football will be having spring clinics.
  - Ridley Park Cheer will open on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Preseason workouts will be going on around the summer and August 2<sup>nd</sup> will be their new season.
- Shade Tree
  - Will be working to get shade tree to meeting monthly.
  - Spoke with the Chair of the Committee to help use some of the money in the line-item budget in order to do some clean up. This would help clean the Stewart Ave Entrance clean up.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 6/0

### **Finance and Personnel (Council Richard Guerra)**

- Finance-
  - o Report attached
- Grants
  - o No Report
- Personnel
  - o Brief Executive Session at the end of the meeting
- CDCA
  - o No Report
- Ridley Park Borough Tax Collector Sue Brochet:
  - o Provided a report to Borough
  - o There is an exoneration of the tax collector for the Borough Tax Collector.
  - o There are nearly 2,400 tax bills that go out in the Borough. There will be School and Borough delinquent will be sent out.
  - o Working on making sure tax bills are being delivered to ever resident in order to make sure.
  - o Tax Collector proved what is currently collected. She will also provide regular reports and will be collecting in person.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 6/0

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

- Police Department Report-
  - o Please watch for your packages since the weather is getting warmer.
  - o Street lines are going to be painted to help slow down some traffic.
  - o Provided the regular police report.
  - o Working on trying to set up a meeting with the School District to cut down congestion down in Lakeview and Middle School.
- Fire Department Report
  - o Report attached
- Board of Health
  - o Met last month and spoke on more awareness of Covid
  - o The Board of Health from Delaware County will be taking over the health department.
- Emergency Management
- Civil Service
  - o Recognized over the last month and do not have any business at this time.

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 6/0

### **Junior Councilor Colin Walls**

Spring Sports are getting started. Dance season is in full swing and Junior Prom will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Manager's Report**

The auditors were at the Borough for the annual audit. As always looking to have this completed before the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Solicitor's Report**

-No report

### **Engineer's Report**

-Report on File

-Provided a brief discussion on some utility work from PennDOT related to a pothole on Sellers Ave.

### **Council Business**

No New Business

### **Public Comment**

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: Issues with the minutes and his public comment with a spelling error. This week March 13<sup>th</sup> is Sunshine week. This is to provide public with information on public records. Open records law allows the office to access public records via Right to Knows. Can this fee schedule be posted on the website?

There was discussion on the letter for the Ridley Park United Soccer about the work that is going to be done at Catania Park. The work is looking to be done in the Fall of 2022 season. Discussed an email that was shared from the club. Discussed about donations to this club and what did the Borough make to the club. Hetzel Park group is going to work on having their clean update that same time as the Borough wide cleanup.

Bob McGuglian 202 Creswell Street: Wanted to thank Borough Council for the time that was shared with the ARPA funding. Asking the Borough Council to appoint two residents and two small business owners to be in the meetings in the spending on the ARPA meeting. Asked that this meeting be published on social media and a televised meeting. The library will celebrate its 110-year anniversary on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a Carnegie library that is still standing and should be honored. Ask the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> to be Carnegie Library Week. Looking to have several events leading up to this event. Asked if the library to can be repaired. Looking for upgrades for the library. Looking for a new library to be built in the Borough.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street: What is the financing for the 2022 Truck? The auditors are working to finish the report and come to the meeting to present the 2021 Audit. Asking that the public can ask questions to the auditors. Wants to have the audit to be made public for review. What money is still outstanding? Where do the Borough taxes go for collection? Taylor hospital is currently up for a sale and is to be sold to a non profit. What is the Dollar amount that the Borough would lose in the tax revenue. Ask the council to build a contingency plan for the sale of the hospital. Looking to use capital reserve to help offset this cost.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for February 2022 in the amount of \$ \$175,397.37

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 5/0/1

Michelle Endirss Dalessio abstained to the Borough Cleaning bill. Memo is on file at Borough Hall.

-Motion to approve appointment of Richard Stewart to the Ridley Park Recreation Board for a term set to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Motion: Kim Collins

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2022-5: Ridley Park Borough Fee Schedule

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2022-6: Financing of 2022 Ford F550 with M&T Bank

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-7: Exonerating Ridley Park Borough Tax Collector from 2021 Collections

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 6/0

-Motion to authorize Borough Engineer to seek bids for 2022 Road Resurfacing Program

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Richard Guerra

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting February 15, 2022 amending spelling correction under Mike Gale to “swing”

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Rich Guerra

Vote 6/0

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

**8:10PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager