



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 21, 2022 7:00PM

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** All present:

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

**Honoring of Sergeant James Nasella' s Retirement**

Sgt. Nasella is recognized for his decades of service as a member of law enforcement serving Ridley Park Borough. Comments were offered and Sgt. Nasella was applauded and given a standing ovation for his distinguished career.

**Mayor Eberle**

- Presented a Citation to Sgt. James Nasella for his years of service to the Borough Ridley Park.
- Shared anecdotes on the history of his relationship with Sgt. Nasella

**Sgt. Nasella**

- Shared stories of his time working in the department over the years
- Reflected on how the opioid epidemic impacted Delaware County and his work on awareness
- Shared some of his initiatives over the years including Bike Derby and Child Car Seat Safety programs

**Chief Robert Frazier**

- Shared stories of his time as Sgt. Nasella's partner

- Thanked Sgt. Nasella for service

### **Honoring Ridley Park Borough Centenarian Marie Nicola**

The Borough recognizes Marie Nicola following the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She was unable to attend, but members of her family were present.

#### **Mayor Ebele**

- Offered comments on Marie and her life in Ridley Park
- She has been a resident of the Borough since 1950 and active in the community as the former President of the Seniors' club; parishioner of St. Madeline's Church
- Noted some of the trends relevant in 1922, and compared prices to that of today.

#### **Family Remarks**

- Marie's great granddaughter, Alice, shared touching tribute to Marie's life
- Family was thankful to share the special occasion with the Borough

### **Mayor's Report**

- Discussed the success of the 2022 Memorial Day events in Ridley Park, including the guest speaker, Illya Zayarchenko, owner of the Ardour Bakery in Ridley Park.
  - Mr. Zayarchenko is originally from Ukraine. He has participated in gathering donations and traveling to Ukraine to aid humanitarian efforts.
- Lakeview Home and School hosted a Community Day at the lake which was a great success. Holly O'Mahoney helped organize the event and the Police, Fire and Highway Departments were on hand to help.
- Barnstormers did not have their anticipated outdoor performance due to weather, but performances were sensational in the theater, Seussical Jr. was performed. Shared that the Barnstormers is the oldest continuously operating community theater in Pennsylvania and the third oldest in the country.
- The 2021-2022 School year wrapped up and the crossing guards are off for the summer. The Borough has some of the best crossing guards that help get the students to and from school every day. They are the unsung heroes of the school district and the Borough. They are always out working, and the Mayor thanked them for their service.

### **Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission
  - Did not meet in the month of May
- Zoning Hearing Board
  - Zoning did meet on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The application was approved for 706 Haverford Road for a shed.
- Code Enforcement-
  - Shared report--- can we attach these?
- HARB

- There was a review of property at 26 Chester Pike. The proposed work on the house will be “like for like” therefore does not require further review

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

**Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
  - No new updates; continuing to work on streaming options
- Cable TV
  - Spoke on working to update on the system noting the equipment is at end of life
- Library
  - Report attached-
  - July 2, 2022 celebration at library-to celebrate the 110 Anniversary. Along with the celebration there will be the dedication of the Children’s library to long-time library board president Edith McFall.
- Historic Commission
  - This Commission has meet but there is no update at this time. Expressed excitement at what the group will have soon. Noted in years past the Commission would give welcome packets out to new residents.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Len Pinto

Vote: 7/0

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

- Highway Department
  - The new lawn mower is in and helping to keep our parks manicured.
- Trash and Recycling
  - There were some issues with the equipment over the last week. They have been more responsive. The Borough now has a constant driver in town and better service is being provided.
- Parks and Properties
  - The Road Program was completed early this year and was great work. Thank you to Allen Myers for the hard work on this.
  - Firehouse drainage project appears to be nearly complete and looking to see if the work has helped to stop the water runoff.
  - Please do not place signs in the Memorial Parks or Borough properties. Memorials are and should not be used for posting signs or advertising. Requested residents be mindful of these things moving forward.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 7/0

**Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board
  - There are two openings on Ridley School Board

- Congratulated Bev Kapanjie on her years of service to the Borough of Ridley Park and Ridley School District; Bev is stepping down from School Board, but has served the community for decades on the Board and on Ridley Park's Recreation Board
- There are still a number of positions open in the district. Visit the district website for more information about these positions.
- Recreation Board
  - Taste at the Lake event was a huge success. The event sold out. Thanked the Rec. Board for the tremendous time and effort put in for the event
  - Fair is September 10- There will be more information coming soon.
  - Playground Program at Lakeview still has some openings. This is a day camp from 9-noon. This event is nearly at capacity
- Barnstormers
  - Seussical Jr. was a huge success, and the outdoor performance was moved inside but it was still a huge success. The kids did a great job on performing at the several performances.
  - Lion King Jr. is coming up. Please visit the website.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
  - No update

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Mayor Eberle shared some information with his time working with Bev Kapanjie and the success of the Victorian fair.

Vote 7/0

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

- Seniors
  - They are still planning their 40<sup>th</sup> celebrations there will be more information to come.
- RPAC
  - Football and Cheerleading signups are still open.
  - Preseason workouts are still happening. Season will start last week of July
- Shade Tree
  - No update currently.

Motion: Len Pinot

Second: Richard Guerra

Michael McGinley: The summer program sports are great, and the kids love this program

Vote: 7/0

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

- Finance-
  - Shared Finance Report
- Grants
  - No update
- Personnel

- No update
- CDCA
- No update

Tax Collector will be in Borough Hall to collect payments on Wednesday and Saturdays. Dates to follow.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

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

- Police Department Report-
  - Report attached
  - Fireworks will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Department is getting ready
  - The Police Dept. is still doing Vacation Checks over the summer. Please let the Dept. know when you will be out of town and they will check on your property.
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- Fire Department Report
  - Report attached-attach
  - Made a plea for more residents to join the FD. Please reach out if you are interested.
- Board of Health
  - Will be providing an update when more information comes from the County
- Emergency Management-
- Civil Service
  - Civil Service will be on Thursday at 6PM in Council Chambers

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

**Junior Councilor Colin Wall- not present**

**Manager’s Report**

- PECO will be working on a high voltage reliability project over the coming weeks. This project will require removal of several tress and trimming of other.
- The Borough Manager will be working with PECO and our arborist to ensure that we are still meeting our shade tree standards.

**Solicitor’s Report**

No Report

**Engineer’s Report**

- Report Attached
- There is still no schedule for Swarthmore Project
- There was some conversation that the Sellers Ave. bridge has the project set to bid in Early 2023. Preliminary work for the bridge is January of 2023.

Councilor K. Collins:

- Shared the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is soliciting comments on the Draft TIP program-which is a priority list of transportation projects.
- Noted concerns that DVRCP moves the projected let date by administrative action without public comment.
- They are soliciting public comment at this time and would like to see the community offer public comment. Can be submitted through DVRCP website, deadline 6/28

## **Council Business**

### Councilor Pinto

- Shared an email from Jodi from *addicted.org*, a group that helps to fight addiction. Jodi asked if the Borough would share its website information on Borough website. This is a resource that can be helpful to those with addiction to help with some info and tips.
- Discussion among Council on adding to the website if it is vetted and appropriate.
- There have been concerns about Code Enforcement, including issues with contractors working in the Borough.
- Use and Occupancy Documents: There is an all-inclusive document that covers the Borough check list and separate into two separate documents. One for apartment and single-family unit. Would like to make this easier for the residents.

### Councilor Guerra

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July events will begin on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with Fireworks; parade and games on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Posters are around town for some more information on how to register for these events.
- Residents can now register online for the parade and via a QR code and was a huge success in 2021 and allowed for quicker registration at ABC Field.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> will have its 110<sup>th</sup> event the Car Show and the fireworks will be going on a dusk.

### Councilor K. Collins:

- Raised concern on the Board of Health status and questions on status of litigation-wants solicitor's advice on options that the Borough has on this matter.

### Councilor D. Collins

- Jr. Councilor position is now vacant and looking for new member

## **Public Comment**

Sandy Hess: 317 Burke: Asked the Borough Engineer about the safety of the bridge for traffic to go over. Response: inspecting the bridge every 6 month the bridge is being monitored. When is mosquito spraying starting? Is there start noise ordinance for cutting the lawn.

Maryann Skehan: 303 Leslie Street: PECO was out to look at trees to be taken down to provide better service. On the other side of Leslie Street there are no trees on the other side. Can you please advocate for the Borough to move the poles to the other side of the street where there are no trees? This would be going in the right of way.

Mike Docherty: 315 Burke Ave: Thanked Council to listening to the tree concerns. Asked the Chief how the breakdown of all of the calls for the Borough. Fireworks are an issue every

weekend. They are not allowed around houses. Concerned about the stoppage on the bridge and the tonnage that seems to be a concern.

Kevin Gallagher 109 McCormick Ave: Wanted to thank the Borough on such a great job on the Memorial day event. It is such a great event that the borough does; the program is very professional and overall a great event.

Signs on McCormick that there is no signage in the area trying to keep the traffic low in this community. The trucks are a determine to the community. Concern with the traffic on this road with tractor trailers.

Bob McLaughlin 202 Creswell: Discussion on the ARPA money. There was a full house at the meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> mins. This short list is not published. A lot of this work is being spent on infrastructure. Would like to see the list published.

The basketball courts are still down at ABC field. There is one court up currently. Why are the courts not up now? Meeting minutes take ten weeks to be published. The minutes should not take this long to publish. Would like Council to share the information to do a survey of all the residents that cannot hear. Appreciates the public comment period during the meeting. Borough Council respond to council comments. Would like the Borough to respond the Council.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for May 2022 in the amount of \$ 186,512.23

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 6/0/1

Michelle Endriss Dalessio Abstaining to cleaning services.

-Motion to approve payoff Tax Advance Note in the Amount of \$505,156,25 to M&T Bank

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote: 7/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for 211 Riverview for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 7/0

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 7/0

8:39PM

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager.

