



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
October 4, 2022 7:01PM

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present

Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio- Late

Councilor Kim Collins- Present

Councilor Michael McGinley-Late

Councilor Len Pinto- Absent

Council Vice President-Richard Guerra- Present

Mayor Hank Eberle- Present

Council President Dane Collins- Present

Mayor's Report

Over the weekend, centenarian, Ed Capriati, was celebrated. Thanked both the Fire and Police Chief to help put together a drive by parade in honor of Mr. Capriati. Mr. Capriati served in WWII and has participated in Ridley Park's observation of Memorial Day as the Guest Speaker. We will be honoring him at the upcoming regular meeting.

The Fall Festival will be on Sunday and hoping for good weather this weekend. This is event is a big day for all our small business and very thankful to all that put together.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)- Absent

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

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-

- Cable TV- The TV equipment is in good shape. We are not broadcasting at this time due to an issue Verizon has with the equipment. Verizon is currently scheduled to address the issue at Borough Hall.
- Library
- Historic Commission
- Reports on other Committees to be announced at Regular Meeting

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

- Highway Department
 - o No report
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Properties
- Reports on other Committees to be announced at Regular Meeting

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - o School Board met on 10/2. Safety issues were addressed after a report that there was a visible firearm in a vehicle at the high school.
- Recreation Board
 - o Movie night will be on 10/14 at the lake. Movie is still to be announced.
- Barnstormers
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
- Reports on other Committees to be announced at Regular Meeting

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
- RPAC
 - o Homecoming weekend is this weekend. Come out and support these young athletes.
- Shade Tree
- Reports on other Committees to be announced at Regular Meeting

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance
 - o Will be discussing ARPA in the Council Business
- Grants
 - o Few are in progress and will update as needed.
- Personnel
- CDCA

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Board of Health
- Emergency Management-
 - o Will be meeting with the action response team to discuss the Fall Festival and be updating on the community policing for the middle schools.
- Civil Service

- Reports on other Committees to be announced at Regular Meeting

Manager's Report

Shared an updated document with all vacancies on our boards and commissions. There is going to be an update on the website regarding an opening on the Zoning Board in light of the resignation of Bob Galbraith, Chairman of Zoning Hearing Board. Will be posting information to our website.

Spoke on the current equipment purchases for the traffic preemption devices for the Swarthmore Ave. They are still 10-16 weeks from installation?

Council Business

Councilor Guerra provided updates on the ARPA projects which were discussed at the most recent Council Meeting:

Portable Radios for Emergency Services:

- 1) Kenwood \$4,622.00 for portable radios. These units would go into all emergency vehicles. Will be working with Fire and Police Chief and public safety committee to budget for these numbers. This project is still thirty-six months outstanding.

Lost Revenue for Ridley Park Borough:

- 1) This would be around \$100,000. This is figure is based on losses resulting from lack of meter parking, parking tickets, room rentals and other incidentals due to the pandemic.

Catania Park Sports Alliance Project:

- 1) On Hold at this time

Firehouse Repairs and Drainage:

- 1) This would be a reimbursement to a capital project. This project is completed at a cost of approximately \$30,000- to help drainage and mold remediation at the fire house meeting rooms

Tree Planting and Maintenance:

- 1) This project would be \$8-10 for trees and other supplies—8-10 k?
- 2) \$6,000 for labor and maintenance

Library Drainage and Roof Gutters

- 1) \$32,000 would be the total of the projects for repairs to the roof- cost is due to unique historical structure?

Other projects will be addressed in upcoming meetings.

Council President Collins mentioned the Junior Council positions is still open and if anyone is interested, please reach out to the Borough.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: Asked if the backboards at Hetzel park can be replaced and one installed as it is missing? Brought to the attention to Council that the sign at Hetzel and Collier was struck and now installed on a telephone pole. Asked if this is temporary or permanent. Is the Borough going to Greenways grants? Shared information that RCN Channel 52 is currently only

showing color bars. Asked if the businesses are being charged by the County Health Department for their inspections. Concerned about double charging of the business. Lastly, shared that the County's household hazards waste event will be in Chichester in the coming weeks. Will need to register for the event.

Mike Dougherty 315 Burke Ave: Was there an issue at the middle school with a weapon? Councilor Dalessio shared that the issue was at the Community Center and not in Ridley Park. This was during dismissal time. Councilor Dalessio noted the response time from police was immediate and the "firearm" was not a real firearm. Mr. Dougherty also reiterated from last workshop meeting about sharing the crime status on the police website. Burke and Johnson Ave, have they been sighted for the current situation regarding overgrowth and piles on property which attract mosquitoes

Sandy Hess 317 Burke: Grass is not cut on the side of the Jonshon/Burke Ave. property Mr. Dougherty commented on. Grass is still hanging over the curb. Had concerns about the budgeting for larger projects and suggested we budget for these projects sooner.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy: Asked about the TV equipment– will the next Regular Meeting be broadcast?. Mr. Furman asked if there were still talks on using the ARPA money for renovations to the Pumphouse and what those options may cost. Asked if the Zoning Hearing Board vacancy that was created needs to be filled within 30 days. How long does the resolution needs to be considered before funds can be spent? Asked when Yard Waste will go back to once a month for the year as it is nearing the fall season.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for September 6, 2022

Motion: Kim Collins

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 6/0

Adjourn

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager