



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Workshop Meeting  
February 7, 2023

**Welcome**

**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-Absent  
Council Vice President-Richard Guerra-Present  
Mayor Hank Eberle-Present  
Council President Dane Collins-Present  
Junior Councilor Caroline Willoughby-Absent

Mayor's Report- will read report on the bridge replacement project that took place at the lake in 1991. That bridge was out for 10 years, a hurricane came through and knocked it out. This bridge was historic and had to reuse the same stones from the old bridge. The odd thing with this bridge is that it cuts Ridley Park in half. Mayor Hank read minutes from 11/1943 that depicted the issues with the bridge then. Mayor also spoke about the Eagles playing in the Super Bowl and the history of our wins.

**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- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Cable TV- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Library- Will provide report at regular meeting.

- Historic Commission - Will provide report at regular meeting.

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

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Properties

**Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board- Presented two students with Eagle Scout Award. There was discussion about a weapon or perceived weapon, safety measures were talked about. Matilda will be a play at the High School.
- Recreation Board-meets on Thursday to discuss events for upcoming year.
- Barnstormers- Death and Taxes is currently on at the Barnstormers.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park- no updates

**Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Seniors- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- RPAC- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Shade Tree- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Business Association- Will provide report at regular meeting.

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

- Finance- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Grants
  - o Motion tonight for the CDBG for Hetzel Park.
- Personnel
- CDCA

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

- Police Department Report- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Fire Department Report Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Board of Health Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Emergency Management- Will provide report at regular meeting.
- Civil Service Will provide report at regular meeting.

**Manager's Report**

Please see attached report.

**Council Business**

**No new/old business**

**Public Comment**

Anthony Morelli - 521 Bartlett Ave

He has had issues for the past several years. Trucks have been driving over his corner. He has had rocks and beams that have been there. Since they have been removed due to the borough

asking him to remove them, he has watched JP Mascaro and several others for driving over this area. He wants to know if poles can be put in.

Another issue is other properties with. He wants the trucks kept off his property.

Borough Manager Tutak stated that has heard several issues and has been out to the property to help this resident. Council President Dane Collins stated that he would visit the property and see what we can do to help this resident.

Sandy Hess-317 Burke Ave

Thank the Chief and Borough Manager who handled the corner and the pothole issue. The Christmas lights, for the houses, it seems like every year the “other side” of Ridley Park always wins. She believes that her side of town has lights that looks better. Dalessio stated that you have to call and enter your own property, and this program is run by the Recreation Board. Sandy stated it should be on the website, Council stated that it is posted on the website, and social media.

We have to pay to pay the per capita? Sandy stated that she hasn't paid per capita for several years.

Mike Dougherty 315 Burke Ave-

Thank you for fixing the potholes on Burke Ave. The last meeting, the TV is still an issue. You can not hear it and it zooms in too close. Dalessio asked who his provider is, Mike said Comcast. Tutak stated that it is the new equipment that is not transporting our information out on Comcast. Tutak stated that the cameras and microphones use to be run by volunteers, we do not have anyone to help. We have asked the Ridley High School to help and have been turned down. Mattus stated that Mike could volunteer, he stated that he was retired and doesn't have time. He did ask who he could reach out to at the school to ask for help.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street-

Mr. Tutak mentioned the taxes that are still outstanding for 2022. Can you please explain that, Do you know how this compares to last year? Tutak stated we have decreased what is outstanding. There is going to be a motion for the CDBG, Mr. Guerra, this is advertisement for the work? Guerra explain the process, reading the attached document. This is advertising the bid. Mr. Tutak explained this is going to be a playground unit, with black rubber mulch and border. There is a set price of what we can use, once we process everything we can add more. How many swings or sliding board? Two slides, additional toys to play. There are already swings down there.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Council Workshop meeting minutes for January 3, 2023

Marker of the Motion- K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve resolution 2023-3- Tax Collector Exoneration from 2022 Taxes

Marker of the Motion- R, Guerra

Second M. Mattus

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-1: 9 W Hinckley Avenue Roof Replacement

Marker of the Motion- M. Mattus

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-3: 313 Morton Avenue Roof Replacement

Marker of the Motion- M. Mattus

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-4: 112 Barker Street Siding Replacement

Marker of the Motion- M. Mattus

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-7: 408 North Swarthmore Avenue Roof Replacement

Marker of the Motion- M. Mattus

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Robert Boland to Ridley Park Zoning Hearing Board for a term set to expire 12/31/2027

Marker of the Motion- M. Dalessio

Second M. Mattus

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve advertisement for 2022FY Community Development Block Grant: Hetzel Park Recreation Enhancements

Marker of the Motion- R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

**Adjourn**

**M. Dalessio**

**R. Guerra**

**5/0**