



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2023

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

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 Caroline Willoughby-Present

Mayor's Report

See attached report. Mayor stated we have an update on the Sellers Ave Bridge.

Mayor announced some Ridley Park history.

May 20th 1904, the bridge on Sellers Ave at Ward Ave was leveled and graded. There was little to no cost to the Borough. The bridge project now sounds a lot like the bridge project now.

1913, Ridley Park ran a Newspaper, a Bigger, Brighter and Better Borough.

March 13th 1913 Ridley Park planned a royal celebration, this was the first time that women were allowed to sit down at a banquet.

Mayor shared an old advertisement from Bell Telephone.

In 1880 the village of Ridley Park, applied for a charter to incorporate into a Borough.

President Collins stated that there is a executive session after the meeting for a personal matter

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission- No meeting this month
- Zoning Hearing Board- No meeting this month

- Code Enforcement- In January we switched code enforcement companies to Linn Architects. See both attached Code reports.
- HARB- Did meet and brought forth several applications to Council.

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Seconded M. McGinley

Passed 6/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)- Absent

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
- Cable TV
- Library – Library Director Katie Wolverton read her monthly Library report.
 - o See attached Report.
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department- Doing great as usual
- Trash and Recycling- We have our annual CRC Lake Clean-up, this is a rain or shine event. We'd love additional volunteers.
- Street lights and paving, we are still working on.
- Upcoming dates
 - o Neighborhood Clean-up April 15th 8:30am-noon.
 - o E-waste Event is May 13th at the Borough Garage.
 - o HHW Saturday April 22 at the Emergency Services Training Center. You are required to register to this event. There is a second event on June 3rd at Rose Tree Park.
- Parks and Properties

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Seconded L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

M. Dalessio stated that the fountain in.

R. Guerra asked Manager Tutak to update the list of streets we are planning to pave.

We are hoping to do street light upgrades with this as well.

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board- Did not meet. They did however approve a contract for asbestos cleaning at lakeview for this summer.
- Recreation Board
 - o Victorian Fair- September 9th
 - o Borough Wide Yard Sale May 13th
 - o Have discussed working with the Library on a movie night.
- Barnstormers- No new update.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o April 1st of the Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Park.

Maker of the Motion M Dalessio
Seconded L. Pinto
Passed 6/0

M. Dalessio stated that Easter Egg Hunt is at 1pm and after the event the Hope Community Church is offering an event for the kids.

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors – no new news
- RPAC
 - o Opening Day is April 1st 2023 at 11:30 am
- Shade Tree- nothing to report
- RPBA – meet last Monday, 7 or 8 local businesses were in attendance. The biggest concern was the outdoor dining ordinance. President collins sent over the suggested changes from the Business Association and sent it over to the Solicitors office for review.

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Seconded M. Dalessio
Passed 6/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance- See attached report
- Grants
- Personnel- Executive session after the regular meeting for a personal matter
- CDCA
 - o 1st Quarter payment is going out this month.

Maker of the Motion K. Collins
Seconded M. McGinley
Passed 6/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- see attached report.
 - o Chief Thanked PJ Dolan of Dolans bar for hosting a great St. Patty's Day.
 - o JAG Grant, Chief requested a grant for public funds as in body cameras, accreditation for the department and more.
- Fire Department Report
 - o See attached Report
- Board of Health
 - o Meets tomorrow at 7pm
- Emergency Management-
 - o No Meeting
- Civil Service
 - o No Meeting

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Seconded K. Collins
Passed 6/0

Manager's Report

See attached Manger's Report

Manager Tutak mentioned that the Shade Tree's that were to be planted downtown, will be going this week, the weather had pushed us back.

K. Collins asked when the pre construction meetings are to happen? Catania stated in the middle of April. He stated that these meetings aren't going to revolve around Ridley Park.

He suggests that we request a meeting at Ridley Park prior to this meeting.

Solicitor's Report

No report

Engineer's Report

See attached Report

March 30th at 10am is the bid opening for the CDBG grant at Hetzel Park.

Caroline Willoughby Borough Junior Councilor

No news

Council Business

M. McGinley asked if we are able to stock the lake. Manger Tutak stated he would look into it.

R. Guerra wanted to talk to Council about a pedestrian safety meeting. There was a child hit on W. Ridley Ave. March 29th we are having a meeting.

Hank stated he should look around the Park as well, especially with Softball Season coming up.

R. Guerra asked if some questions to Fire Company Auxiliary about the Pints in the Park event that they are requesting a block party permit. See attached presentation.

Guerra asked about liability, Tutak stated that it would be twofold. It would have to be a ticketed event, if PJ does the drinks, it will be his license for Liquor control board.

PJ stated that he would add on an umbrella insurance policy to cover the event.

McGinley asked if we already approved Little League there. Manger Tutak stated that Bob Berger does know that the lot is not just little league.

The Barnstomer's also expressed interest in using the Tot Lot.

Public Comment

Mike Dougherty 315 Burke

Is the lake finished being dredged? President Collins stated we aren't planning on it. Mike asked about the sign at the lake. Tutak stated that the sign was required for the grant we received.

Metal plate on East Hinckley, that has been there for months. Tutak stated that this plate was to cover a sink hole. The work has been completed.

Is anything being done with the Town Clock? President Collins stated that this has been a constant conversation with all. Mike asked if the pole could be painted. President Collins stated that we aren't going to paint the pole if the clock is going to be replaced.

Mike asked about an event a few weeks ago where police and guns were involved. Chief stated that the event took place in Prospect Park, nothing that took place in Ridley Park. Mike asked if we assisted. Chief stated that he doesn't have knowledge of us assisting. Mike believes that an alert should have gone out to let residents know. Chief stated that this event was not Ridley Park. Mike believes there should be a way to notify residents. Councilor McGinley stated that the county can do a reverse 911, which is a robo call for when to stay indoors. McGinley stated he doesn't know much about this event (he works for the county 911 center).

President Collins wanted to state again that is event did not happen in Ridley Park. President Collins stated that Mike can contact the Prospect Park Police Chief to find out this information. K. Collins asked if this reverse 911 is on our website. Tutak stated it is, it is called Code Red.

Anthony 310 Hinkson Blvd.

This time last year, Anthony and his wife submitted permits for fences on his property.

433 Stiles Ave is a total mess. There are no windows, this is vacant.

Is it possible to find out how many apartments are on Stiles Ave? There is constant traffic up and down that street at all hours of the day.

Hinckley to Chester Pike there is only one stop sign, if the police were there hiding they would make tons of money.

He stated that he doesn't feel safe in this area.

He stated that a stop sign needs to be placed at Bartlett Ave. K. Collins stated she shares this concern as she lives over there.

Len asked to chat after the meeting.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

Regarding the cost sharing, it's a 50/50 split but what is the total cost for this?

Tutak referred to Catania. Furman asked for an update at the next meeting.

Furman asked if these funds were budgeted? Tutak stated we do not since we don't have a cost or a time for the project.

Guerra, is the income from February for taxes or the tax? Guerra stated this is tax income.

The annual audit, has to be finished by the first of April? Tutak stated that we are currently working with the auditors to rectify issues from the past. The information we have doesn't match the adjustments they previously sent to us. Tutak stated that we have sent everything over we are waiting of the auditors to complete the information.

The street paving, \$56k, which leaves 120k left in the account. Are all these funds being used for street lighting updating? Guerra stated that we are going to do targeted areas then we will see what is left over in the end.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for February 2023 in the amount of \$
Maker of the Motion R. Guerra
Seconded L. Pinto
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve separate line item of Accounts Payable for Borough Cleaning Service
Accounts Payable in the amount of \$800
Maker of the Motion R. Guerra
Seconded L. Pinto
Passed 5/0
M. Dalessio abstained.

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

Maker of the Motion K. Collins
Seconded M. Dalessio
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve resolution 2023-4- Approval of Financing with M&T Bank for 2022 Police
Interceptor with M&T Bank

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio
Seconded R. Guerra
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2023-5- Delaware County Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio
Seconded L. Pinto
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Borough Manager and Borough Engineer to published advertisement for
2023 Road Program.

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley
Seconded R. Guerra
Passed 6/0

-Resolution 2023-6- Cost Sharing for Sellers Avenue Bridge Road and Sanitary Sewer
Replacements.

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley
Seconded R. Guerra
Passed 6/0
Resolution 2023-7 Ridley Park Borough Traffic Signal Maintenance Plan

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley
Seconded R. Guerra
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve the scrapping of 2001 International Dump Truck with VIN
1HTSCAAM21H398485

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley
Seconded R. Guerra
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve block party permit for Ridley Park Fire Company Auxiliary for May 23rd till
September 26th pending all necessary insurance and permits.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio
Seconded K. Collins
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Cohen Seglias, Pallas, Greenall & Furman, PC to approve for FOP Labor
Contracts and Labor Matters

Maker of the Motion K. Collins
Seconded D. Collins
Passed 6/0

Adjourn

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Seconded M. Dalessio
Passed 6/0