



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
March 7, 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-Absent

There is an executive session after the meeting to discuss a personal matter.

Mayor's Report

See attached report on the Sellers Ave Bridge.
Next Sunday, we set the clocks forward.
He will announce some history as well.

Council Business

Street Paving

Len-Question, approval of streets for the road program. Did anyone go out and look? Mike McGinley stated he did. McGinley stated that Harrison between Dupont and ward and Russell between Morton and Thayer both really need done. He believes we should focus on these two streets. Guerra stated that we have made a significant investment in the community by doing these streets, these two McGinley and he looked at and wanted to make sure they are on the list. Len asked if they will bid on this list or the two we want to do? McGinley stated that street lights need to be updated and we are using some of the Liquid Fuels funds for that. He stated he doesn't want to patch, he believes they should be paved completely. Guerra stated that we should redo this invoice to only bid the two streets we want. As long as the street lights

are taken care of, if funds are left over in the end we can look into more streets. Most of the bid is patching.

D. Collins asked if we should table this until we can speak with Catania. McGinley stated that we need to look into street signs as well, maybe not now but in the future.

Basketball Courts at ABC Field

McGinley, Strong request for a full side basketball court at ABC Field. D. Collins asked who is asking, McGinley stated that its middle school kids. D. Collins stated that he believes it will be an issue with Police. McGinley stated there are issues everywhere in a parks and recreation town. Len stated that the prior complaint wasn't kids from town, it was out of town kids.

K. Collins stated that there are no signs, maybe we can add signage to the park ordinance?

K. Collins, can we put signs up on a probationary period to tell the kids?

Mayor stated that he has been going up there for years, the problem is once you add a full court, you have people coming from all over to play. This is a residential area, not really a "park" setting. The cursing, trash and behavior is an issue down there. Dalessio stated that there were leagues that come to play?

Is there any way we can permit these.

McGinley stated we should remove them and place a pickleball court there. D. Collins stated that the Borough manager is working on a grant.

McGinley believes we really, we need signage to enforce.

K. Collins doesn't believe that the kids of our neighborhood shouldn't have to suffer because of these leagues.

There is no access to other courts, within walking distance.

Len, said we need to hash this out. Len, said he doesn't think that people will care about a sign, we don't need that to justify it. We should open it and if something happens we take them down.

D. Collins stated that there were fist fights on these courts. All of these people are not from Ridley Park.

Dalessio stated that this has happened years in the past.

K. Collins stated that the issue with the sign is peer pressure, with the threat of signage. She doesn't think it's a bad idea to put a sign up.

Chief, he is for the kids but times have really changed. He wants them to have fun but things are so different. The kids in Ridley Park are amazing but we can't stop the other kids that are coming into town. We can try on a probation period, but he believes it will be shut down as soon as it opened.

Mcginley stated that we should just get rid of them.

D. Collins asked why we should get rid of them? They currently have half courts.

Poll is most people want to try it with a sign on a trial period.

Business Association

They have requested trees; we are installing 12 news trees. The benches are all owned by the Borough and can be moved.

Chester Pike Association-they want to work with them.

Meter issues, Borough is looking into digital meter. There is a large income stream from meters so we don't want to get rid of it.

Clock- the business association wanted to help with collections of funds. Dane stated that we are looking at ear marking funds for the second ARPA funds.

Outside Dining Ordinance

Dane passed out the ordinance. After speaking with the solicitor we can update this or revamp it. The current commercial district seasonal dining was read.

Section 2, Dane stated that he doesn't have an issue with the timing. Shellie stated that during the week should be over 7am-10 and 11 pm on the weekend.

We need some clarification on the second section, Dane believes we should get rid of the second part of this ordinance and make this a 365 days. Len stated that we need to discuss propane storage for anyone that might need/want propane heaters.

Section 3, umbrellas cannot have writing, Len stated it would be nice to have umbrellas, Shellie stated that we should steer away from alcohol and cigarettes ones. Guerra stated that they it should be something that's not tethered. K. Collins stated that this is something we should bring to the business association. Dalessio stated that it should all flow with the look of Ridley Park.

Section 4, the location of outdoor dining cannot use the parking or driveway area. Dane stated that we should really discuss this more once this is passed and we look more into the parking meter issue.

Dalessio stated that there are business owners down there.

Temporary barricades- Dane stated that we need to define what we want. Is a barricade even needed? Hank suggested looking at Swarthmore. Len stated maybe add it if necessary. McGinley stated that he believes we need a concrete barrier to protect people from cars.

Section 5- a special permit would only be needed for special events not to actually use their sidewalks.

K. Collins asked if we wanted something in here about it being a privilege to have outdoor dining, that it is at the discretion of the borough due to weather.

McGinley asked, no tents or structures. Right? Dane stated only tables and heaters.

He also stated that he believes businesses should be able to logo their umbrellas. Everyone has different colors to their business.

K. Collins wants to hear what the business association has to say. McGinley stated that this is their business and their money.

Guerra, are we determining the amount of occupancy outside? Occupancy is 100 is 20% what is allowed outside? Len believes it should be restricted to the walkway and building to building.

Do you have to have food as well as drinks outside? Is there a time restriction? IE New Years, asking for an acceptance for special events. Is this pet friendly? -McGinley

Guerra- is this under business insurance? They are not under the borough.

McGinley-can the health department come in and shut us down? Dane stated this is more of an issue that can be discussed.

Dalessio stated that she has someone to come and look at the clock and see what the cost associated with that. Media has a meter park mobile and take coins for their meters.

McGinley asked council if they were all in agreement that if it cost close to repair than to replace that we should just replace it.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

He missed the 02/07/2022 meeting, there was an ordinance for Hetzel Park was that advertised? D. Collins was unsure.

Gale saw a news report that prospect did apply to the government for non-profit status. He stated that the borough should plan now for the future. Someone came in and sold the properties off which is why there are lease payments. The taxpayers of ridley park are impacted by poor health care, and the tax revenue. Maybe there is a pilot program that we can do, payment in lieu of taxes.

Mike asked about recycling, the links are broken. He told mike about the HHW dates, which mike had

PJ Dolan 23 Sellers Ave

PJ Thanked borough council and said he would take it to the business association. He said there might be some state issues with the outside dining, but he wanted to discuss this with the business association.

Andy Furman 4

The street repaving program, if there are questionable streets, why can't we take the funds and put them into a sinking fund. Shellie stated that the funds have to be used before the end of the year. Mike stated if we could.

When can residents get a listing of all streets that are being considered. Guerra and D. Collins stated we can post this online. Also, if there are streets that you notice.

Basketball full court, Bonne's is full court, are a lot of people using it? D. Collins stated that the issue is more the side by side courts.

The stated that maybe once the pedestrian bridge is open the kids can use that to go to Bonne's park.

What is the status on phase two of the ARPA's? D. Collins stated we do not have a timeline.

Guerra stated that we have 24 months to use the ARPA funds since the last deposit. Tutak is looking into some sewer issues, the amtrack bridge...etc. D. Collins stated that we were waiting to see if we received the CDBG grant. It cost close to \$50K to have some even look at the bridge on Rosemont.

Mike Eckenrode- Fire Chief

Just finished a meeting with the county, RP should be getting a large number of radio's and base radios, there should be an installation cost and battery. They are receiving 30 radios at \$3k each. The hospital situation sold the ground to their holding company. They lease it back. D. Collins stated that even though the hospital is non-profit, some of the building leased would still need to be paid.

Does the park permit for the tot lot inclusive use? D. Collins stated that nothing is supposed to be permanent? The Fire Dept wants to use this for several things as well as the Barnstormer's. They will have to remove everything the days they use it.

Bonne's Park has been used several times by outsiders

Action Items

-Motion to approve Council Workshop meeting minutes for February 7, 2023

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second S. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

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

D. Collins tabled this issue due to not seeing the documents.

Second Len

Passed 6/0

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

D. Collins made a motion to table this issue until final streets.

Second Len

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-09 9 W Hinckley Ave Window Replacement

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-06 315 Crum Lynn Road, Window and Deck Replacement

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-10 306 Free Stret Roof Replacement

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-02 35 W Sellers Ave- Roof addition to garage

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

6/0

-Motion to approve RPAC Park Permit for Tot Lot for March 15, 2023- June 15, 2023, for Monday -Saturday.

Maker D. Collins

Second L. Pinto

K. Collins opposed due to not having a time limit and not speaking to the applicant.

Passed 5/1
Adjourn

Maker L. Pinto
Second R. Guerra
6/0