



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 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- Arrived at 7:34pm
Councilor Len Pinto-	Present
Council Vice President-Richard Guerra-	Present
Mayor Hank Eberle-	Present
Council President Dane Collins-	Present
Junior Councilor Caroline Willoughby	Absent

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hank welcomed Brownie Troop-57115 as they are here to earn their democracy badge.

Arbor Day Proclamation
See attached signed proclamation.

Mayor Hank spoke about Opening Day 2023. He threw out the opening pitches. The RPAC has had sporting events for our youth since 1960.

In 1960 the RPAC was called the Boys Club for baseball, basketball, football and cheerleading. Later they added a softball program that opened things up more for girls. Hanks late wife was the first coach of this team. The same year Mayor was coaching basketball. He was later asked to coach girls basketball, which in turn changed the name to the Ridley Park Athletic Club.

The annual Easter Egg hunt went off well! Thank you for all that were involved.

Rosemary Update - Elijah will be the chef out of Philly. The back part of the restaurant is a greenhouse, so you could dine under the stars.

They plan to open the week after Memorial Day.

On the front of the Daily Times is a Musician from Ridley Park. He volunteered at the Barnstormers, moved to LA and became a singer/songwriter. When he was in LA, he earned his bachelor's degree. He will be at the Barnstormers on the 23rd for a free concert for the family. See attached news article.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
 - o Did not meet, they are meeting the 26th of April and do have items on the agenda.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
 - o See attached Code Report
- HARB
 - o No new business

Marker of the Motion M. Dalessio
Second M. Mattus
Passed 6/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - o No Report. But asked Manager Tutak for a report next meeting on the franchise fees.
- Cable TV
- Library
 - o See attached report
- Historic Commission

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto
Second M. Dalessio
Passed 6/0

K. Collins stated that Arbor Day trees will be at the Library on Friday. She will e-mail everyone.

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

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Properties

R. Guerra presented the report May 13th is the Paper Shredding event as well as the E-waste event. He wanted to thank everyone for coming out for the bi-annual community clean-up event. He wanted to thank the Highway Department for repairing the fishing dock down at the Lake.

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - o Met the 3rd, there are 39 school days left in the school year
- Recreation Board

- May 13th is the
 - Borough Wide Yard Sale
 - Book & Bake Sale
 - Shred event/ E-Waste Event
 - Wine Event down at the lake 7-9pm \$30/per person. Tickets can be obtained by emailing the Rec Board
- It is still up in the air about the Playground Program, once more information is noted, K. Collins will bring it to Council
- Barnstormers
 - April 28th is the debut of Bright Star.
 - The Youth Program that runs out of the Barnstormers is Ridley Performing Arts Program, they will be hosting a Zoom soon for interest in their summer play, SponageBob
 - 8pm performance on the 23rd by the Ridley Park native Barry Harris. Free for all to attend.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - Successful easter egg hunt.

Marker of the Motion M Mattus

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

Questions, Dalessio stated Main Streets does have an event at the end of May early June, more information later.

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - No New Business
- RPAC
 - No New Business
- Shade Tree
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- RPBA
 - PJ Dolan presented report for the RP Business associations. The last meeting had 7-8 attendees. They spoke about outdoor dining, how it is going to look. Trees downtown were planted, parking meters (Park Mobile) and employee parking. Working with the Rec Board and Main Streets to team up with events. They spoke about a fundraiser to “Save the Clock”. No frills, but a beef and beer type of event to help our community. Back to the Future type event. They are very excited about the community and what is coming.
 - D. Collins stated that there are new guidelines for the outdoor dining, he asked council to review this for the May Meeting.

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. collins

Passed 6/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance-
 - o See attached report.
- Grants
 - o There is a motion for the Hetzel Park Redevelopment.
- Personnel
 - o No new business
- CDCA
 - o No new business
- Susan Brochet presented a tax report.
 - o 79% of the Borough's taxes have been paid.
 - o She will be available for school tax payments over the summer.

R. Guerra thanked Sue for being so available for the taxpayers of Ridley Park

Marker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second K. Collins

Passed 6/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- Chief Frazier stated with summer around the corner, the department can offer house checks while you are out of town.
 - o Also, please notify the department if you see abandon cars, they wont be gone over night but the department can handle those.
 - o See attached Report
- Fire Department Report- Chief met in Brookhaven about the crisis services available currently. The next meeting is in Tinicum, RP benefits from Tinicum and Norwood Emergencies services. He suggested that the fire Co and Borough Council should meet to review these items.
 - o D. Collins asked if the issue was the way the insurance reimbursement. Commercial insurance sends the check to the participants. Chief wants the borough to help the fire co and ambulances services, so we continue to have services in Ridley Park.
 - o See attached Report
- Board of Health
 - o Still meeting and processing requests as usual
- Emergency Management
 - o No New Business
- Civil Service
 - o No New Business
 - o Action Response Team is looking to start back up

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Mattus

Passed 6/0

Manager's Report

- 2023 Road Program Bids were open April 18, 2023. Will provide recommendation for upcoming meeting for award.
- Downtown Tree Planting has started and will be completed in the following days.
- The Hetzel Park Installation bid has been reviewed by the engineer and on the agenda for approval to Motion to award Hetzel Park Improvements installation to AR Gaglioti of Aston for \$52,000.
- Has shared an update on the ParkMobile cost breakdown. Will be working with Media Assistant Manager on updating parking ordinance and rates. D. Collins asked that we vote on this at the May meeting.
- Working with Borough Secretary Danielle Staccone on Independence Day celebration work and will be providing more information as the event moves closer.
- E-waste, Paper Shredding, Community Yard Sale, Book and Bake Sale all will be occurring on May 13. Please register for the Community Yard on the Borough Website. Shredding events are only available to Ridley Park Residents.
- GO2 has provided an updated quote on the Television Equipment with microphones, amplifiers, and all necessary labor to install.
- Working with Councilor Michael McGinley, Vice President Richard Guerra and Borough Engineer on Trash Specification for the upcoming trash and recycling bids as our contract with JP Mascaro ends at the end of 2023.
- 2023 ARPA Reporting is due at the end of this month for 2022. Will be submitted prior to April 30, 2023.

Solicitor's Report

No Report

Engineer's Report

See attached report.

Caroline Willoughby Borough Junior Councilor- Absent

Council Business

R. Guerra asked if everyone was ok with R. Tutak starting the bid process for the trash/recycling. Everyone agreed.

Public Comment

Erin Panek 601 Tome Street (Corner of Tome and Russell).

She gave kudos to the Brownies for sitting through this meeting.

She is here to request help on Tom Street. There are two issues.

The first is a car that is parked on the street that leaks oil routinely. The owner lives in an apartment across the street, he has to put oil in his car everyday to drive. There are also tire tracks pulling oil through town. There is kitty litter on the oil. Mrs. Panek and other neighbors care about the neighborhood. She is wondering if there is a code for this, what is the process?

Tutak stated that this is an illegal discharge and asked that Mrs. Panek meet with him after the meeting.

The second issue is the corner of Russell and Morton there is a stop sign that needs to be replaced, it is faded. There has also been an accident there. Maybe a sign that states cross traffic doesn't stop.

M. McGinley apologized stating he thought this was temporary, but stated that this will be rectified soon.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for March 2023 in the amount of \$579,533.92

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve separate line item of Accounts Payable for Borough Cleaning Service Accounts Payable in the amount of \$800

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second L. Pinto

Passed 5/1

Abstained M .Dalessio

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

Marker of the Motion K .Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to award Hetzel Park Improvements installation to AR Gaglioti of Aston for \$52,000, and purchase of equipment in the amount of \$54,294.00

Marker of the Motion R. guerra

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for May 13th, 2023 for Michelle Crause for 401 Russell Street

Marker of the Motion D. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

Adjourn

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Mcginley
Passed 6/0