



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Workshop Meeting  
April 4, 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

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor spoke about Opening Day for the Athletic Club. He threw out three pitches, more like grounders he said, for opening day.  
Councilor Guerra hosted a safety meeting.

**Council Business**

**Community Clean-Up**

Councilor McGinley reminded everyone that April 15<sup>th</sup> is the Community Clean-up day. They will be meeting at the Fire House from 9-12. You can also work around your block or neighborhood.  
Thank you to everyone that came out for the Lake Clean-up. It was a great event.

**HARB**

Councilor Pinto wanted to explain the four motions that are to follow for Certificate of Appropriateness for HARB. These have all been approved by HARB and are asking that these be passed.

## **Parking Meters**

Manager Tutak presented information on his research of a new parking system for meters. See attached presentation. Tutak believes that ParkMobile is the best decision for our community and our current meter system. This will integrate with the current meters that take coins. Tutak explained that we would pass along the processing and convenience fee along to the consumer.

Parking permits in the business district, we are looking into permitting the business owners to park in a different area. Tutak believes it would be beneficial to patrons and the borough to do this.

If we are to investigate this, we would need to consider overnight parking for the business district as well as the apartments.

K. Collins asked, if she puts coins in the meter, can she then add more time via app? Tutak explained the enforcement page. If she did this, it would not populate the meter but if knew the zone and license plate number. Dalessio stated that you can use the app to locate your vehicle. McGinley stated that Media is only \$.25, Tutak stated that Media is \$1.25 for the first hour and there is extension. L. Pinto asked what we brought in last year and what it will cost us to enforce this. Tutak stated that it depends on if we wanted to push this cost along with the consumer. Pinto stated that what we need a cost analysis. McGinley stated that if we do move in that direction this is the way to go. Tutak stated that we do need to keep an eye on the times for this.

Chief asked what device would be used for this? Tutak stated it's a cellphone.

Guerra asked what it costs to repair the current meters, Tutak stated \$500.

McGinley asked if the meter is currently broken, would the coin option no

D. Collins asked if anyone from council does not approve? No one did, he plans to work with Manager Tutak to continue to move this process forward. Everyone is on board and thinks it's a great idea.

## **4<sup>th</sup> of July**

The flyers with proposed timeline were passed around. The event this year is taking place on one day. July 1<sup>st</sup>. It was mentioned that President Collins lost the watermelon contest two years running.

The Parade, games, car show, food, and fireworks.

Dalessio stated that the car show should be moved 12-3pm. The later part of the day is a little too hot.

We are looking to do vendors prior to the fireworks. Food trucks, DJ and more. We want the DJ to play during the fireworks as well.

One of the things we have done in the past is have sign-up being completed by QR code. This makes it easier to register for families. Guerra thanked Staccone for the bike placards that she created in years past.

Mayor mentioned that the Seniors still do their luncheon around noon during this event.

K. Collins asked if the Rec Board could have a table at the games? Guerra stated that he thinks it's a great idea. He thinks it would be a great idea to hand out the dixie cups or help with the games. M. Dalessio stated that prior to the car show the Rec Board ran all of these events.

The rain date is July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Everyone stated this is such a great day, and a great event put on by the Borough. Guerra stated we really just want everyone to be involved and have a great event.

M. Dalessio will run the car show, Danielle will order all items for the event, Dane and Guerra will handle the games. Fire Co will do balloons with support from the Rec Board.

We do have invites that are going out to community organizations this week.

Mayor will be handing out flags on the parade route.

### **Bee Apiary**

President Collins was requested by a resident to place a bee apiary in the area located near the Borough Garage. Collins spoke with Tutak about this location, this does pose issues. Asking the Highway to mow around it. Tutak stated this location is not a great idea due to the pesticides we use. He stated that the best location would be near the lower lake ball field. McGinley stated that the woods in that area get significant play from kids. McGinley doesn't think it's a great idea for any of our properties. K. Collins would want to look into ordinances that would hinder this.

L. Pinto- from an ecology if there is a way we could help, and from a publicity standpoint. L. Pinto stated he believe it needs more conversation. McGinley stated he thinks we take a lot of risk from this. M. Dalessio asked if the kids play that far back. McGinley is concerned about the paddleboats being used with these as well.

Manager Tutak stated he reached out to other managers to see what they thought. Many haven't dealt with this but several are.

McGinley stated if we do this for one resident, we might have to do it from others.

Tutak and Collins will make a call with Mr. Foster to talk about details.

Mr. Foster offered anyone from council to come take a look.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Is there a status on the budget audit report? Tutak stated not yet, we spoke with the auditors for the past 6 months.

Hetzel Park Bid, did anyone bid? And what is the project. Tutak stated that he will have this on the agenda for next meeting.

Is there any update on the bridge? Tutak stated there was a meeting with PennDOT about staging, we also had a standard meeting. Construction will not start for 6 months. We are pushing for bi-weekly meetings with Amtrak and PennDOT to stay on the timetable. The final construction date was 2026. The first we asked was to have the pedestrian bridge completed.

Do you expect to lose parking spaces with staging? Tutak stated that we are in PPC, which is staging, they will notify us prior.

In 2019 there was a 500,000 grant for improvements to Catania Park. Dane stated that both of these grants were not given to the Borough, they were given to Ridley United Soccer Club.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

The pedestrian bridge, there is going to be a 6 month delay. Tutak stated that this delay is on both Amtrak and PennDOT. Tutak stated that PennDOT only does utility replacement in the Spring and Fall.

Do they know how long it will take to build the bridge? Tutak stated no, we have asked but the construction schedule has not been submitted yet.

With the new parking system, is there new equipment? Collins stated that it is only the app that is needed. Are the current meters still in use? Yes.

What is the current policy for a broken meter? Chief stated that if someone believes it's a broken meter, we work with the resident to fix the ticket and notify the highway department to r

Jackie- Ridley Park Parkers

We have asked to close Ward and Tome Street on May the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tutak stated he had a conversation with the Fire Co, the concern is the fire trucks getting out. If the space could be moved down so they could get out that would be great.

### **Action Items**

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

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second by L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-11: 101 W. Chester Pike, Porch Repairs

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second by M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-12 114 W. Ridley Ave., Window replacement

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second by M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-05: 401 Morton Ave. – Window Replacement

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second by K. Collins

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-08: 606 Morton Ave. –

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

Motion to approve RPAC Block Party Permit for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for Ward Ave and Tome Street  
from 9AM-3PM

Maker of the Motion D. Collins  
Second by M. McGinley  
Passed 6/0

### **Adjourn**

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