



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
May 17, 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-Present
Council Vice President Richard Guerra-Present
Mayor Hank Eberle-Present
Council President Dane Collins-Present
Junior Councilor Caroline Willoughby-Present

Mayor's Report

Mayor spoke about all the great events that happened over the weekend. The Book and Bake Sale, the Electronic Waste Event, Yard Sale and the Wine and Cheese event at the lake.

Memorial Day, the guest speaker is Brian Alexander. The Memorial Day event will take place on Monday May 29th, 2023, at Veterans Park at 10am. The seniors will provide a luncheon after the event in Borough Hall.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
 - o Meets on the 24th, a week from tonight.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Did not meet.
- Code Enforcement
 - o See attached report.
- HARB

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

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- Cable TV
 - o The ending balance as of March 31st
- Library
 - o See attached Library Report
- Historic Commission

Marker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

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
 - o There are 19 days left in the school year. Many of the schools are hosting their field days and concerts. Saint James just finished the annual carnival.
- Recreation Board
 - o And Library are hosting movie nights throughout the summer. It will take place on the library lawn and the rec board is going to supply snacks.
 - o Playground applications are available online. The next meet on June 8th
- Barnstormers
 - o Their next performance will take place in July.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o They are working on a Pints in the Park behind the firehouse on June 1st 5-8pm. There will be food trucks and games. This event is open to everyone.

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Mattus

Passed 6/0

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - o No new news
- RPAC
 - o Football and Cheerleading registration are now open. They have expanded from 11 to 15 teams in the league.
- Shade Tree
 - o No new news
- RPBA

- Manager Tutak attended. They spoke about the fundraiser for the clocktower as well as the parking ordinance. They also spoke about hosting an event on July 1st prior to the fireworks. They are looking to do a dining under the stars type event.

Marker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 6/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance
 - See attached finance report.
- Grants
 - No new news
- Personnel
 - No new news
- CDCA
 - No new news
- APRA
 - The trees have been planted downtown.

Marker of the Motion M. Mattus

Second M. Dalessio

Question, Dalessio asked if the trees in front of Jacobs and the Liquor Store will be planted.

Manager Tutak said the contractor has them and they will go in soon.

Passed 6/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - See attached report.
 - The Chief offered house checks since we are going into the summer months.
 - The Chief wanted to commend J. Powley, he took his investigation further and made an arrest so that a tragedy didn't take place.
- Fire Department Report
 - See attached report.
- Board of Health
 - Met last month, they meet again next month. This upcoming meeting is the last one for the summer.
- Emergency Management
 - No new business
- Civil Service
 - Meets in June to reconvene.

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 6/0

Manager's Report- See attached report.

- 2023 Road Program Award is on the agenda for approval. The cost of this project is \$69,586.70.
- Met with the Borough Solicitor, Public Safety, and the Chief of Police to develop more information related to the ParkMoible roll out. Hope to have draft ordinance for Council review at Workshop.
- The E-Waste and Paper Shredding Event were on May 13th and they were a huge success with over 120 cars driving through the event.
- 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 has been submitted on behalf of the Borough. Hope to start several other projects this upcoming summer.
- RPBA met at the beginning of the month. They are looking to help with a fundraiser for the Downtown Clock. They would also like to hold an event that would take place on July 1st to help draw some patrons before the Annual Fireworks.
- Ridley Park Public Works Department is out and about in the Downtown and Parks. They recently made repairs to the historic Pump House. Several other summer projects will begin soon including line painting, signs repairs and park maintenance.
- There are several resolutions on the agenda:
 - 2023-7: Act 57 this allows for the Tax Collector to apply for a waiver for additional charges on sales.
 - 2023-8: This is an agreement with PennDOT for streetlight and sidewalk maintenance for the Sellers Avenue Bridge.
 - 2023-9: DCED Grant Application for Ridley Lake Boardwalk Enhancements
- The 2023 Tax Anticipation Note is on the agenda for pay back. This will help save on interest cost as we are paying off a month early.
- Borough Manager is still working with the Borough Auditors on the 2022 Borough Audit. I will continue to push to get this completed. The hope is to have finished by the next meeting.

Solicitor's Report- No report

Engineer's Report- See attached report.

Caroline Willoughby Borough Junior Councilor

Wanted to speak with Council after the meeting about hosting a fun day at the lake.

Council Business

L. Pinto- there is a bid for a new fire alarm system for Borough Hall. Pinto said he wants to get this on the agenda for the next meeting. L. Pinto stated this is a costar vendor. There currently is no alarm system in Borough Hall.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Thanked the Highway Department for taking care of Spirit Park and the cut outs downtown. Mike mentioned his wife texted him and said the volume was not working.

There are several residents in Hetzel Park that are concerned about the new playground being on a pipeline. Borough Engineer stated that the playground will not be on a pipeline, but the issue is the contractors driving over the pipeline.

M. Gale asked about ACT57, what is this? The manager stated this is for tax collection. This gives residents the opportunity to dispute delinquent taxes if a property transfers. This was shared from the solicitor's office; this is from the school district.

Mike mentioned that the planters outside look very nice.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

Last month, the solicitor was asked to draft an ordinance for the sale of borough property. This was for an old borough vehicle. The manager stated this is over the cost value. This is for smaller items, \$5,000 or less. Currently we do not have anything under that threshold.

Has the solicitor been asked? No.

If the solicitor is asked to draft an ordinance or resolution, would that have to be approved by council. President Collins stated that no, only to advertise and approve the ordinance.

Collins stated that in years past councilors have gone to the solicitor in the past. Since Collins has become president, has asked only Tutak or himself to contact the solicitor. His job is to manage costs.

L. Pinto, are you concerned about the money spent by the solicitor, or the property being sold?

Andy-the discussion of contacting the solicitor should be a public vote. Does it take more than a few minutes to vote on an asset that needs to be removed?

Andy's opinion is when the solicitor is asked to do something extra, it needs to go in front of council for a vote.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for April 2023 in the amount of \$187,222.77

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second K. Collins

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 M. Mattus

Passed 5/0- 1 abstention- Dalessio.

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023

Marker of the Motion K. Collins

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07: Act 57 Allowing for a waiver of additional charges for a qualifying event.

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. Mattus

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08: Approval Lighting and Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT for Sellers Avenue Bridge Agreement #0631122

Marker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09: 2023 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant for Ridley Park Lake Boardwalk Enhancements

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. Mattus

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve awarding 2023 Road Program to Charleston Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$69,586.70 utilizing 2023 Liquid Fuel Funds

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for The Barnstormers Theater for July 13 – July 16 for Outdoor Performance

Marker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve park permit for Ridley Park Library and Recreation Board for Movie Night for June 16 and 30 July 14 and 28.

Marker of the Motion K. Collins

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve pay off 2023 Tax Anticipation Note to M&T Bank in the amount \$50,7751.11 on May 19th, 2023

Marker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to hire Julian McGonigal as a part-time Police officer for the Borough of Ridley Park Pending background Check and Physical.

Marker of the M. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

Adjourn
Marker L. Pinto
Second M. Dalessio
Passed 6/0