



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
May 2, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus-Present
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

Mayor's Report

Mayor mentioned that there are several events that are taking place on May 13th. He will let each council member speak on their events. He mentioned that our Memorial Day event is coming up soon. He will speak more of that at the regular council meeting.

Council Business

HARB

Len gave a partial HARB report. There are action items for several HARB properties.

- Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-13: 208 W Ridley Ave Window Replacement.
- Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-14: 23 W Hinckley Ave Deck Repairs approve
- Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-15: 16 W Ridley Ave Window Replacements.

All of these have been approved by HARB and are asking for councils approval.

MAY 13th events-McGinley/K. Collins

Stated all the events we have going on. There is a shredding/e-waste event, yard sale, Book and bake sale and a Taste at the Lake.

4th of July Events- R. Guerra

Letters have been sent out to community organizations for their participation for the event. We do have scouts that will be raising the flag. The DJ for the fireworks have been booked. We will be selling Ridley Park 4th of July shirts.

The Rec Board is working with us on helping with games.

D. Collins asked for a different color shirt so people will buy them.

Pedestrian Safety Committee

They met a month ago to talk about pedestrian safety in our community. A few items came from that meeting. They have several intersections where there is one stop sign but not on the other, we are looking into signage for that.

We have talked to the schools about safety around this area. We have talked to schools about assisting in painting the crosswalks.

Enforcement is the other item, keeping all those involved who need to be.

K. Collins asked if this was just around the school. Guerra stated no, this is the entire borough.

K. Collins stated there is a stop sign on Burk Ave that is faded and needs to be replaced. Guerra stated that the highway is currently working on new signage.

Mayor stated that the Safety committee is doing a great job with being proactive in the community.

ARPA

April 30th was the deadline for reporting. The report was filed our tax loss revenue 110,000 as well as the work completed at the fire house.

We still have \$590k in the account and have until December 2024 to expend it. The ARPA reports are up to date and funded.

We still have the library gutter system that needs to be completed.

We have also installed new trees downtown.

We are also looking for additional funding for the Rosemont footbridge to help.

There is also a fund for the Clock.

Summer Meetings Schedule

Usually, we combine the July and August meetings into one. We will make a formal motion at the May or June meeting. It will be a 6:30pm workshop and a 7:00pm formal meeting.

Defibrillators

A costars quote is attached. This is the start of a conversation. We are looking into 10 AED machines for the Borough. AEDs save lives. We are looking for one for each Borough building, two AEDs for the police and the fire department and one for the athletic club. Chief Eckenrode mentioned that the fire department has one on each truck. They would like one for the building. Mattus mentioned that training people is important, and we should make sure each building is trained. This is one of the main living saving methods.

We are looking at TCF for a grant for this as well as the Board of Health.

Mcginley stated he's seen this in person.

Eckenrode mentioned that are easy to use, it will walk you through it. Everyone agrees this is a great idea.

ParkMobile- New Parking Meters

Please see attached ordinance from Media. We are using this as a guide for replacing our meters. Its really important to consider doing zones. Tutak suggests three sections: the business district/ Felton and E. Ridley/Hinckley. We need to consider timing. We suggest a 10-hour limit for the train, and a three-four-hour parking downtown.

See attached report in association with train station parking.

58 spots downtown-

There are two options-increase the downtown to \$1/hour and \$.50 at the train station.

Mattus asked why the train is at a lower rate? Tutak suggests working in a parking permit for the train station. Mattus said she doesn't believe there should be a discount for the train station, all rates should be the same. Mattus said possibly a discount for monthly permits, but not for meters. We should utilize E. Ridley Ave for employee parking to allow those patrons to park downtown. This would be a discount for 3/6/12 months.

We need to investigate increasing enforcement time in the business district.

Guerra said we need to consider hiring another individual, which could increase the enforcement cost.

Tutak stated he will have an updated ordinance for the regular meeting.

Mattus asked if there is any efficiency to having park mobile? Tutak stated it breaks it down by zone notifying them when the time is up.

Outdoor Dining Ordinance

Highlights- See attached

We are looking into clarification on the definition of "Business" or "restaurant" means an entity licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board with a Restaurant License under 47 P.S. 4-401.

8am-10pm Monday through Thursday

A permit is required annually. The placement of tables has to be ADA compliant. Max of 10 tables and 40 seats. Temporary barricades are required. Propane storage has been updated.

McGinley did ask about pets, can we limit it? Tutak will speak with the solicitor about the clarification.

Guerra asked if food is required for drinks, yes is it.

Tutak will update the ordinance and once everyone is good, Tutak will advertise for a vote.

E-mail from the tax collector about Act57, there will be an item on the agenda for the regular meeting. It essentially says that if a property sells the new resident can go back 12 months on fees.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Mike thanked Council for planting the trees downtown, they look really good. BUT, the spots where there are no trees need to be weeded and mulched to continue to clean up downtown. ARPA-two projects that were on the list? Tutak stated these were completed in 2022. Gale stated there were four resolutions the lost revenue, fire co storm sewer, trees downtown and library gutter.

Any update on the 2022 Audit? We are continuing to work on it. There is an issue with Auditors, we have asked several questions and are not getting the needed responses. Gale, are we paying for them? D. Collins stated that we are holding payment.

Spirit Park needs care. It looks like some of the bricks were dug up, McGinley stated a vehicle hit it. McGinley stated this would be a great project for Scouts. Mike stated there is a dead tree there that needs to be removed. McGinley said he would look into this.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

Parking at the train station, the business district is 1–2-hour parking. Typically, if you are working in the city its 10 hours, its \$11.25 to park in Delaware County verses city. He stated that people also have to pay the train fare. The reason it's been discounted is because of the length of time. There might be a concern about out of towners coming to use the train, many RP's walk to the train.

Len stated a \$1/hour for 10 hours is \$10. We need to make sure that between this and the train fare we want to make sure it's not cheaper to park downtown.

Len stated that we have been losing money over the past few years or making 100k at the cost of our residents. K. Collins stated that Prospect Park is free parking. K. Collins stated she would not pay \$10/hour to park in Ridley Park, its very expensive.

McGinley thinks it should be less for the train station. Mattus said she believes this is a discount at the train station and not those who are in Ridley Park.

Andy suggested reaching out to Swarthmore and Morton to see what the meter prices are.

Phil 408 E. Ridley Ave/Rosemary

Pedestrian, with the increased traffic and agitated drivers. Is there an opportunity for more safety along Swarthmore Ave. Phil is looking more for a bike lane. Len stated PENNDOT suggested barriers for Swarthmore Ave but this is something we can look into.

Parking Meters, he is hiring 70 people for Rosemary. He stated that his staff is not allowed to park on Hinckley, but a parking permit would be great for staff on E. Ridley.

His hours are night focused. He is trying to drive more people to town. Whatever you decide to do for parking to take into consideration the new business that is going to open soon.

Mike Eckenrode 115 Barker Street

Mike agrees with Andy on the parking situation. You are going to force your residents to other towns to take the train.

Borough Council should go back and revisit the earned income tax. He pays his to upland and it should be coming here.

PennDOT didn't want to put barriers on Swarthmore. They increased the white lines. Maybe we can talk to PennDOT about syncing the lights to help with traffic.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Council Workshop meeting minutes for April 4, 2023

Maker of the motion K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-13: 208 W Ridley Ave Window Replacement

Maker of the motion L. Pinto

Second M. McGinley

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-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for June 10, 2023 for Dawn Cloak at 405 Pomeroy

Maker of the motion D. Collins

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for Ridley Youth Performance Arts Group for June 17, 2023 at the Ridley Lake

Maker of the motion K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for St. James Regional School for May 17th for annual Field

Maker of the motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for Main Streets Ridley Park for June 1st, 2023 from 5-8PM

Maker of the motion M McGinley

Second K. Collins

Passed

Adjourn

Maker of the motion L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0