



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
July 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-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

Presentation of Citation to Officers for Exemplary Service

See attached citations.

Part Time Officer Oath of Office

Mayor's Report

Ridley Park had a great Independence Day, starting with a parade, games, car show and ending the night with fireworks. The fire company was the first one in line followed by several other fire companies. This is the largest parade we have ever had.

Mayor wanted to mention and thank the highway department for their assistance with setting up and cleaning up the day of the event.

Manager Tutak was at each event making sure everything was running smoothly. AED's, we now have one in each of our buildings. We received a grant from TCF and the health board, the remainder was paid for by ARPA

The Library had a movie night last Friday. It was a huge success and was well attended. Ridley Park History- Brother Sellers, named after Sellers Ave. invented the standard system for screws and nuts that is still used today.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Motion Item
- Code Enforcement
 - o See attached report
- HARB
 - o Action Items

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - o RCN Franchise Fee for this month is \$2,458.26
- Cable TV
 - o Mattus asked Manager Tutak to speak on the cable TV system. Tutak has sent out the information on the distribution amp with quotes to both Council President Dane Collins and Michelle Mattus for review.
- Library
 - o See attached report.
- Historic Commission

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 7/0

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

- Highway Department
 - o Great job with the 4th of July with the prep work and clean up. These guys do an amazing job.
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Properties
 - o A reminder to residents that you are the eyes in town. Give us a call or send an email about the issue so we can remedy any issues.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Passed 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
- Recreation Board
 - o Independence Day was a huge success. Main Streets had a car show with vendors.

- The Rec Board hosted the peddle boats. This is what makes us your hometown.
- Huge shout out to Katie Wolverton and the Rec Board. The event was flawless. We also want to thank the property neighboring the Library.
- September 9th is the tentative date for the Victorian Fair.
- Barnstormers
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - 7/27 is the next Pints in the Park event in the Tot Lot from 5-8

Maker of the Motion M. Mattus

Second M. McGinley

Comment- R. Guerra--K. Collins left out her performance in the watermelon contest. Great Job!

Passed

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - No report
- RPAC
 - Sign ups for football and cheerleading are ongoing.
- Shade Tree
 - No report
- RPBA
 - Did not meet. PJ noted that they will be working with the Historical Society to host a throwback event to raise funds for the clock.
 - New business opened two weeks ago, Rosemary.

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance
 - See attached report.
- Grants
- Personnel
- CDCA
- ARPA balance is currently \$590,246.99

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - See attached report
- Fire Department Report
 - See attached report

- Board of Health
 - o On summer break
- Emergency Management
 - o No report
- Civil Service
 - o Plans to meet next week in regards of the police test for ranking.

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Mattus

Comment K. Collins thanked the Fire Departments that helped out with the Independence Day celebration.

Passed 7/0

Manager's Report - See attached Report.

Solicitor's Report- No Report.

Engineer's Report - See attached Report.

Hetzel Park playground equipment has been delivered. The pipeline company wants an application fee of \$3,700 to cross the pipeline property.

August 7th is when the road program will begin.

November 2023 is when the Sellers project will start.

D. Collins asked if the application fee of \$3,700 can be wrapped up into the CDBG grant.

Catania stated this is possible.

Caroline Willoughby Borough Junior Councilor- Absent

Council Business

D. Collins commented that the process for applying to be a Junior Councilor should start soon.

M. Dalessio School Safety, since school is starting soon we should meet again with the school district to see how we can have a better and safer school year.

R. Guerra-The cross walks at sellers/Chester Pike and Hinkson and Chester pike have been painted.

M. Mattus- park mobile, do we issue citations or the company? Tutak stated that we would handle that.

Mayor Eberle stated he spoke with two gentleman with hard hats stating they are contractors for the bridge. Their goal was to talk about how to remove utilities and replace them under the bridge.

Public Comment

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

There is talk about the new parking system, comparing the two systems. The one system is CODY that is 50k plus 18k for a yearly fee. There was mention about printers but it was not mentioned how much they are and how many we are purchasing. M. Dalessio stated that he must be confused, Park Mobile is different than the new system.

Andy stated that there is still no cost for the printers for the police vehicles. L. Pinto stated he believes that it was included in the cost, the \$53K.

New fire protection system for the Borough Hall, Fire House and AC Club. The Library and Police station, are the additional buildings? Are we planning on using ARPA funds? D. Collins stated this is correct. Andy asked L. Pinto if the yearly cost is included. L. Pinto stated that he will have it for the next meeting. Manager stated this is the build out price, labor, equipment and supplies. Andy asked what the cost of central monitoring is, L. Pinto stated it is low, maybe \$350/year.

Mattus, stated there are benefits to the system, such as insurance discount.

Karen Donkin 322 W. Ridley Ave- one of the houses hit by the burglary. Wanted to thank the police department for their amazing work during the burglary. She was home when this happened, the dogs were barking and scared him off. Karen wanted to thank officer Powley for his work and caring attitude during this incident. Everyone wants to think they know what to do in this situation, but they don't. Karen had no clue he was even in the house. Karen stated he broke through two locked doors. The police were so quick. K. Collins thanked her for sharing.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for June 2023 in the amount of \$227,912.53

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

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

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. Mattus

Abstained M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for July 22nd, 2023, for Bryan Schultz 206 Penn Street

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Borough Manager to advertise Ridley Park Borough Parking Ordinance
updated fee and payment options

Maker of the Motion D. Collins

Second M. Dalessio
Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3: Seasonal Outdoor Dining Regulations and Fees
Maker of the Motion D. Collins
Second M. Dalessio
Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023-20: 515 N Swarthmore Ave- Fence
Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Second M. Mattus
Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023- 21- 404 Tome Street -Side Door
Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Second M. Mattus
Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023-22- 315 E Ridley Ave- Fence
Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Second M. McGinley
Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Mike Brochet to Ridley Park Borough Zoning Hearing Board with a term set to expire December 31, 2025
Motion Tabled
Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Second M. Mattus
Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Cliff Kellet to Ridley Park Borough Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate with a term set to expire December 31, 2025
Motion Tabled
Maker of the Motion L. Pinto
Second M. Mattus
Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Borough Manager to advertise updated fee ordinance for Portnoff Law for delinquent tax collection.
Maker of the Motion R. Guerra
Second Mc. Ginley
Passed 7/0

Adjourn