



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Workshop Meeting  
October 3, 2023

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus-	Absent
Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio-	Present
Councilor Kim Collins-	Absent
Councilor Michael McGinley-	Absent
Councilor Len Pinto-	Present
Council Vice President-Richard Guerra-	Present
Mayor Hank Eberle-	Present
Council President Dane Collins-	Present

**Mayor's Report**

The first pitch is at 8:08pm for the Phillies, we have to be out on time! Good progress is being made with the foot bridge; this is eight months ahead of schedule for the entire bridge project. The Fall Festival is this Sunday from noon to 5pm. M. Dalessio will speak about this event. It looks like it is going to be a great event. There is a sea of pumpkins at the Presbyterian church. They get the pumpkins from New Mexico and share the profits with them. Friends of ABC Field, chili cook off this Saturday from 11:30-1:30pm.

**Council Business**

Clock-R. Guerra

Posted on our website as well as the images in front of each member. There The smaller Washington will stand at 11ft tall, it fits with the look that we currently have. The quote of the small Washington came in at \$18,900, this is far below the original amount of \$40,000. It fits the area and size that we are in. There are two options, the first is Ridley Park at the top and lions on the bottom. The second option would add the date we were incorporated.

This could be a nice touch for our historic town. The cost of this would be \$20,840. There is another option for a Verdi but the cost of that clock jumps much more.

Pinto stated he likes the clock and has seen it in other locations. The size of the small Washington fits the space better. He likes the established. Collins agreed as is Dalessio. Mayor Hank said this is the second time he has gone through this. He said don't worry about the little pieces of it.

Tutak will work on getting a resolution together to use ARPA funds for this project.

Collins asked if the brick work and electrical needs to be updated? Tutak stated the only thing that is needed might be a small concrete pad to place it on.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Dougherty- 315 Burke Ave

Is the 16ft the size with the bricks?

Will the clock be lite? Pinto stated we can look into spotlights but the clock face will be lit.

He was down by the lake today, and he is disappointed with the way the lake looks. Everything around the lake is overgrown, it looks unkept. Are we doing anything? D. Collins stated that this is actually by design. This was installed by the CDCA to help with erosion, protection to the water during the fish kill as well as the geese direction.

Sandy Hess 317 Burke Ave

Is this the clock we are getting? Why can't it look like Brookhaven or Aston? Guerra stated it is actually identical just a different color. We have limitations as far as a digital sign. How much does this cost? It is \$20,840. Sandy thinks the clock is too tall.

Speed Bumps were taken on Burke Ave, she plans to talk to the chief about what to do. She hopes someone doesn't have to be killed to get these fixed. Someone is moving these.

Dalessio said we can't keep something there that is going to keep getting taken.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

Fish kill, it was his understanding that the fountains were out when the fish kill happened not the buffer that is around the lake. Pinto stated that the experts in this area are the ones who suggested this to us. That is why we went with these recommendations.

Everyday, Andy travels near the Media Elementary school, they have speed humps. This is something to think about when it comes to speeding.

Karen Donkin 322 W. Ridley Ave- Fire Company Board of Director

Clock looks great, the fire company is donating \$500.

The Borough Manager called the Fire Company letting them know they are not allowed to participate in the Main Streets of Ridley Park. There is a misappropriation of funds for the use of overtime for police and highway. The Fire Company is concerned as to why they are not allowed to participate.

Dalessio asked why Pints of The Park was not allowed to use their bathrooms. And if you were forced to use the bathrooms, they will no longer participate in any borough events. Main Streets is not a Borough entity.

Dalessio stated that Main Streets of Ridley Park is a 501c(3) and a non-profit organization for the community.

Pinto asked, you don't want to open your bathrooms because they are drinking? And the Fire Company doesn't want to be involved in the Fall Festival?

Guerra was the statement made that if the bathrooms can't be used for Pints in the Park? Do you no longer want to participate? They feel like their hands are being forced. This doesn't need to be a tit for tat scenario. I think there was a serious miscommunication in these statements. We support you and want you to be a part of this community.

It is not councils' decision to allow or not allow vendors for these events. This is main streets' decision. Then why did the Borough Manager call and tell them they can't participate.

Collins stated we need to take this out table it and meet together to get this figured out.

Mike Eckenrode-Fire Chief

What just occurred here is what has continued to happen over the past several years. Every time an issue comes up, the answer is to consolidate. They are the service providers. Dalessio stated that this is not a threat, this is the reality of this department. Collins stated that we truly appreciate everything you guys do to volunteer, we will get this figured out.

Pinto-

Mike Gale- 51 Collier Circle

Will the new clock have four faces? Collins, yes.

On Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> the CRC will be planting trees and shrubs around the lake. Is this a volunteer event? Yes, once CRC makes the announcement, we will share the information.

Is there any update on the 2022 Audit? 9/2023 all the information was sent over for their review.

The issue was the bank reconciliation on their end for journal entries within our system.

Guerra- has a conference call with Tutak and Secretary Staccone about the audit.

Gale is concerned about the \$500,000 deficits last year. He wants to make sure there is not for the next year. Tutak explained the issues we have currently been facing.

Mayor mentioned that October 14<sup>th</sup> is the Fire Prevention Open House 1-3:30pm.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Council Workshop meeting minutes for September 5, 2023

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-33: 210 West Ridley Ave Roof Replacement.

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-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Application 2023-34: 208 West Ridley Ave Roof Replacement  
Maker of the Motion L. Pinto  
Second R. Guerra  
Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2023-17: Delaware County Greenways Grant “Bike the Pike” Program  
Maker of the Motion R. Guerra  
Second L. Pinto  
Passed 4/0

**Adjourn**

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