



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 17, 2024

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Executive session after for a personal matter.**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Melissa Boyce	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
Junior Councilor Christopher Capozzoli	Absent

**Mayor's Report-**

Mayor mentioned the Athletic Club Opening Day which was this past weekend. He threw out three first pitches, one for each category: t-ball, baseball and softball. Mayor thanked the Fire and Police department for all their help with the event. The AC offers scholarships, awarded to two students

Library- Mary Grimaldi set-up a solar eclipse party for the kids. There were stations in the community room to teach people about the eclipse. This is one of the many, many events the library provides during the year.

The Annual Library Book and Bake Sale is on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Historic Society now has the office downstairs as a museum of Ridley Park History. They are looking for those that have Ridley Park items.

Mayor read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Many have asked about the trees that were removed during the bridge project, Mayor reassured that trees will be planted after the completion of the project.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)**

- Planning Commission- Did not meet.
- Zoning Hearing Board- Did not meet.
- Code Enforcement-
- HARB- See motion items and attached HARB minutes.

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley  
 Second M. Dalessio  
 Passed 6/0

**Communications (Councilor Melissa Boyce)- ABSENT**

- Telecom Advisory Board
- Cable TV
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department- It's that time of year, the highway is doing a great job with getting ready for spring and prom.
- Trash and Recycling- Be aware what you are putting your yard waste is in. We did have an incident where trash contaminated the yard waste.
- Parks and Property- Clock came down and the future one is on its way.

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto  
 Second M. Dalessio

Comment: E-Waste event May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. We are not going to have paper shredding this year. This is the same day as the yard sale and book and bake sale.  
 Passed 6/0

**Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board- Met the first of the month, the school board is in need teachers and principal. High School has students accepted into a music creators festival in Erie, PA.
  - Time to register for Kindergarten.
- Rec Board- There is a motion to approve the Pints in the Park in ABC Field. They hope to have food and drinks. They plan to fundraise for a sun sail for the tot lot. They are also donating mulch to the Tot Lot and pressure spraying the benches as well as donating a new bench.
  - Playground Program will start June 17<sup>th</sup> for 5 weeks, this will be in Woodlyn. You can register up until the day before.
- Barnstormers- Anne Jr. June 21<sup>st</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Library- See attached Library Report.
  - There is a motion on the agenda to apply for a grant through DCED for \$250k with no match to assist would like Council to approve the grant application to support repairs at the Library.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio  
 Second L. Pinto

Comments- M. Dalessio stated she attended the Solar Eclipse event and it was such a great event.

Passed 6/0

**Finance and Personnel (Council President Dane Collins)**

- Finance (Grants)- See attached finance report.
  - The finance subcommittee has been meeting on the Tuesdays that Council does not meet.
- Personnel- Executive session after the meeting.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

**Community Organization (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)**

- Business Association- They are starting “Third Thursday” similar to Media’s dining under the stars.
- RPAC – Opening day was a great success.
- Seniors
- Main Streets
- CDCA

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

**Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)**

- Police – See attached report.
- Fire- See attached report.
- Board of Health- Did not meet.
- Emergency Management- Did not meet.
- Civil Service

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 6/0

**Manager’s Report- See attached report. Did mention that the audit was received today.**

**Solicitor’s Report- No report.**

**Engineer’s Report- See attached report.**

**Council Business**

M. Dalessio- Meeting with Delco Vision and the public safety committee at the schools, to help alleviate traffic issues It's a small period of time that the traffic is problematic 25-30 minutes, but very hectic. They noticed issues and will have a report with recommendations.

R. Guerra mentioned that there is a QR code on our social media that allows you to give feedback on intersections and crosswalks.

Once the report is generated it will be shared with the borough.

R. Gurrea- ParkMobile- our tickets have a one day grace period, how do we switch do extend this? R, Tutak will look into it.

Summer is coming, are we looking to do summer Council meetings?

## **Public Comment**

Chuck Hall 50 Hetzel Road-

How many times will Hetzel Park be cut this year? It was only cut 5 times last year. M.

McGinley stated that he would look into it. Mr. Hall wants a schedule, McGinley stated that the Highway Department gets their work done. McGinley stated that this is the first this has been brought to our attention.

R. Tutak stated that any schedule is subject to change because the highway crew has to respond in different scenarios- such as weather related events.

Mike Dougherty- 315 Burke Ave-

Does anything get done with trees that are dead on properties? Tutak stated that if the tree is between the sidewalk and street, they can look into it. We do not inspect trees or in neighbors' yards.

Meeting with the new code enforcer? L. Pinto said we should have a date within the next three weeks.

Mike Gale- 51 Collier Circle

Asked about motions to reappoint the fire marshal and deputy fire marshal. R. Tutak said he needs to speak with the public safety chair.

Asked if the audit was complete. R. Tutak said yes, it was filed with DCED today. Mike asked if there was a surplus or deficit? D. Collins stated that he needs to look into it.

Is the Borough going to approve the settlement that school district approved at their meeting? D. Collins stated that it is not on the agenda for tonight. D. Collins stated that Gale spoke with the school board solicitor, and he explained that each entity can enter into their own agreement.

100 N. Swarthmore Ave- nonconforming apartment building. 9 buildings, but the zoning for parking needs to be 21 spaces, there are currently only 11 spaces. D. Collins said he answered this at the last meeting, the contractor is working with code enforcement in relation to parking. Mike believes that this should have been in front of zoning. Tutak stated that the Building Code Official sent a letter about increasing the spots. L. Pinto stated that they increased the driveway. Tutak will get the information.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

2022 Audit, will that be available to the residents? R. Tutak said once Council approves it will be posted on the website and there will also be a copy in the office.

In the HARB report, L. Pinto mentioned a new awning for the Library, Andy doesn't remember hearing about this. L. Pinto stated this is just a sunshade for the front door. Andy asked what the scope of the job is, Pinto stated that this is an awning over the front door. Andy asked D. Collins what it cost is. Collins stated he doesn't have the cost in front of him.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for February 2024 in the amount of \$279,299.15

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

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

Maker of the Motion D. Collins  
Second L. Pinto  
Passed 5/0  
Abstained-1

-Motion to approve March, 19, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

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

-Motion to approve Park Permit for May 6,2024: May Presession for St. James Regional Catholic School

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra  
Second K. Collins  
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for ABC Field May 31, 2024: St James Regional Field Day

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra  
Second M. McGinley  
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for Tot Lot April 25, 2024: Ridley Park Recreation Board Pints in the Park

Maker of the Motion K. Collins  
Second R. Guerra  
Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Ridley Park Arbor Day Proclamation

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second K. Collins

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-05: Ridley Park Borough Grant Application for Ridley Park Library

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Borough Manager to seek RFP for Mini PROS Grant Funding

Maker of the Motion D. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 6/0

**Adjourn**

**L. Pinto**

**M. Dalessio**

**6/0**