



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Workshop Meeting  
May 7, 2024

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Melissa Boyce	Present
Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio	Present
Councilor Kim Collins	Late 7:11pm
Councilor Michael McGinley	Present
Councilor Len Pinto	Present
Council Vice President Richard Guerra	Present
Mayor Hank Eberle	Present
Council President Dane Collins	Absent

**Mayor's Report**

He is working on preparing the speaker and speech for Memorial Day.

Mayor urges all residents to participate in the annual book and bake sale. It takes place this Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Manager's Report**

- Ridley Park Borough will be holding a meeting on May 15, 2024, for the public to come ask questions to the Building Code Official.
- HARB will be moving its May meeting to May 15, 2024, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.
- Memorial Day Services will be held at 10AM on Memorial Day. The location this year is still to be determined and will be announced soon.
- High grass and property maintenance season is here. If you have any properties in need to be reviewed by code enforcement, please contact Borough Hall.
- Ridley Park Borough Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer and Borough Manager are currently in the process of reviewing Borough Codes. This process is designed to strengthen our code and enforcement practices.
- Ridley Park Borough 2023 Audit is underway and hope to provide additional updates at the Regular Council Meeting.
- Ridley Park Borough Finance Sub Committee has met and is working to provide a report to Council on its findings and recommendations by the regular Council Meeting in May.

## **Council Business**

Mike McGinley- This Saturday is our annual E-Waste Event, from 9-noon at the Highway Garage. This is also the same weekend as our annual yard sale as well as the book and bake sale.

Trash- we need to be very careful of what we put in the trash. Someone put propane tanks in trash bags- potential for danger. Thankfully no one was hurt but we still need to be vigilant about what is disposed of. The same with yard waste, please make sure there is nothing mixed in.

Please notify Borough Hall by Wednesday for bulk trash.

Phil Breen- Business Association- Owner of Rosemary  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Event- Starting May 16<sup>th</sup> (through September) the Business District will host outdoor dining and events starts at 5pm-9pm. No parking in that area after 3pm - signs will be placed up. Hinckley Ave will be closed from Swarthmore to Sellers.  
Outside vendors will be attending with set up beginning at 4pm. There will be three food vendors (Rosemary, BrickHaus and UpDogg) Ardor will have sweets.  
It is a family-friendly event including, crafts donated by Home Depot; cooking decorating at Ardour; the Library is having crafts for kids as well.  
Trash, police, power are secured. There are two live music vendors at each side of Hinckley.

This Thursday is Pints in the Park. Cousins Maine Lobster will be there as well as others. The event runs from 5-8pm.

St. Madeline's Carnival starts tomorrow, please be aware.

Kim Collins apologized for being late.

## **Public Comment**

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

He thanked Council for taking his petition into consideration. Inquired into stops signs on Collier Avenue.

Follow up on a few items: status of the motions to approve fire Marshall and deputy chief? M. Dalessio stated that she and Manager Tutak have been working on fine tuning the job duties, and making sure it aligns with Ordinance.

He would still like to see bike racks installed placed downtown.

Fund balance from the 2022 audit, seemed low, does this include capital reserve? R. Tutak stated no, it is its own account.

Has the Highway been told not to cut Hetzel Park? R. Tutak stated that no, they are still cutting Hetzel Park, there are two parcels that are not cut, R. Tutak stated that they have notified the pipeline that they need to maintain it. Mike stated that this is Borough property, R. Tutak stated that he would investigate it and let council know.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

Mike, were you intending on repeating the propane tanks at the regular meeting? Mike stated yes, he will definitely bring it back up. He will also talk to the Borough Manager about this and possibly send notice to all the residents. This is extremely dangerous.

Phil Breen (Owner of Rosemary's)

Lighting on Hinckley, Sellers, Ridley Ave are not great, can someone please take a look into lighting upgrades? R. Guerra stated he did meet with Mesena about the lighting. There are several residences that live above shops on Hinckley. There is an issue with more lights, and light coming into windows.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for 403 E. Rodgers Street for June 8, 2024

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for 405 Pomeroy Street for June 15, 2024

Maker of the Motion M. Boyce

Second M. McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-5: 20 W Ward Ave Shutter Addition

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for the Barnstormers Youth Theater for June 27, 28, 29, 30 for Annie Jr.

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. Boyce

Comment- There is only two performances, the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> is for rehearsal.

M. McGinley- are they bringing in a porta-potty? R. Tutak stated they will be using their building.

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve April 2, 2024, Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 6/0

### **Adjourn**

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 6/0

7:28pm