

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2011, MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, Chairman Steven Ware presided.

Roll Call: Present: Steven Ware, William Mulroy, Robert LaGreca, Peter Amento, Salvatore Boccuti and Carol DiPietro. James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner was also in attendance. James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, was excused from the meeting. **EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Joshua Kanaplue and Margaret Andrews

Robert LaGreca moved the Minutes of March 22, 2011, be approved with a correction noted by Mr. Boccuti, and seconded by Carol DiPietro.

Carol DiPietro was elected to the position of Recording Secretary until another arrangement can be made.

OLD BUSINESS:

James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, provided an example of a brochure-type Comprehensive Plan update prepared by Montgomery Township in conjunction with Montgomery County. He suggested that Ambler Borough consider this type of update to its Comprehensive Plan to highlight its recent achievements in a form attractive to the public. The County assisted Montgomery Township in the production of the brochure, but the Township had it printed at its expense. Mr. Ennis suggested the Borough provide a list of its achievements during the last ten years to be considered for inclusion in such a brochure to be made available to the public in a form that would be interesting with photographs of recent projects as well as events taking place in Ambler. This brochure could be a worthwhile PR and marketing tool. Ambler Main Street is working on a map that could be considered for inclusion in the brochure.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR MAY, 2011, MEETING:

James Ennis, County Planner, will amend his outline of suggested revisions to update the Comprehensive Plan that he distributed at the March Meeting to tailor it toward the production of a promotional brochure as opposed to merely a text revision of the Comprehensive Plan which would not be as interesting to the average person.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Planner, James Ennis, distributed a brochure prepared by the Montgomery County Planning Commission setting forth the Montgomery Awards – Excellence in Planning and Design. Mr. Ennis suggested the Planning Commission make a list for suggested projects and/or blocks that show adapted reuse and revitalization in the Borough. Some suggestions are: W B Homes Project, Train Station, the new gateway

project –the donut shop, Dettera/Twisters, CVS (adapted reuse example), block with Bridget's, K C's Alley and Jo Jo's, title company's reuse of the bike shop on Main Street, the theater, the Boiler House project, and/or Act II Playhouse. The concept needs to be submitted to Brian O'Leary at Montgomery County by Friday.

Bernadette Dougherty, an Ambler resident, was in attendance to inquire about the status of the newly-proposed parking ordinance and the Frumin project. The parking ordinance had been sent to Council, and there is nothing to report on the Frumin project.

Robert LaGreca moved the meeting be adjourned, Seconded and Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION