

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 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, Dan McCormick, Robert LaGreca, Salvatore Boccuti, Joshua Kanaplue, Margaret Andrews and Carol DiPietro. James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, and Ronald E. Myers, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer, were also in attendance. James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, was excused from the meeting. Peter Amento's absence was excused.

William Mulroy moved the Minutes of June 28, 2011, be approved. Robert LaGreca seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

At last month's meeting James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, provided a draft for a segment of the proposed revision to the Ambler Borough Comprehensive Plan. This memo outlines Ambler's achievements and potential concepts for consideration by the Planning Commission for inclusion in the brochure-type update. The content was discussed and changes were suggested to the County Planner. He presented his revised memo and some minor additional changes were suggested.

At the request of Borough Council, the Planning Commission was asked to review and recommend changes to the Ambler Borough Subdivision Land Development planting requirements. At the June meeting the EAC provided a memo recommending the removal of several invasive plantings from the list of suggested plantings for a Land Development Plan. The County Planner provided a memo prepared by Barry W. Jeffries of the County setting forth suggestions of woody plants to remove from the proposed list and suggestions to add to the proposed list. Mr. Kanaplue provided his suggestions of various plantings to be deleted from the County's suggested list and some he recommends be added. The County's memo will be revised for the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Boccuti reported that, during a conference call with the USEPA and PADEP, he was made aware that the Ambler Warehouse building, on Maple Avenue, is in the process of being demolished. He was told that the PADEP has oversight responsibility for asbestos removal at the site and the EPA is monitoring the activities as well. The entire building, including the concrete slab-on-grade is being removed. He suggested that the resultant bare ground parcel would make an excellent place for a temporary, or permanent, parking lot, which could be utilized by the Borough, or as valet parking for the businesses in town. He noted that the area in question is actually two parcels, with two different owners, and that it might be a good idea for the Borough to contact the owners and discuss the feasibility of such a scenario.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR AUGUST, 2011, MEETING:

County Planner will continue to prepare drafts for additional segments of the Comprehensive Plan update brochure.

In accordance with comments made by the Planning Commission, the County Planner will revise its list of suggested invasive plantings to be removed from or added to the subdivision land development ordinance at next month's meeting.

One person from the public was in attendance, and he did not make any comment.

Robert LaGreca moved the meeting be adjourned, Seconded and Carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION