

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF August 23, 2011, MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. In the absence of Chairman Steven Ware and Vice-Chairman Robert LaGreca, Secretary Carol DiPietro presided.

Roll Call: Present: Dan McCormick, Salvatore Boccuti, Joshua Kanaplue, Margaret Andrews, Peter Amento 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. Excused Absences: Steven Ware, William Mulroy and Robert LaGreca.

Margaret Andrews moved the Minutes of July 26, 2011, be approved. Peter Amento seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, provided a draft for a segment of the proposed revision to the Ambler Borough Comprehensive Plan. This memo sets forth Ambler's Vision Statements 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. Mr. Kanaplue suggested that before more time is spent by the Commission on this type of format the Commission may want to obtain approval from Council. A motion to request that the County Planner prepare a draft of a letter addressed to Ambler Borough Council requesting support of the brochure-type update format for the Comprehensive Plan was made by Carol DiPietro, seconded by Margaret Andrews and carried. A copy of the Montgomery Township brochure should go to council to give an example of this update format.

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. 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; and at the July meeting the Commission made suggestions of various plantings to be deleted from the County's suggested list and some recommendations to be added. Because of time constraints, the County's memo could not be revised in sufficient time for presentation at the August meeting. Accordingly, the matter will be held over for the September Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new Business was discussed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011, MEETING:

County Planner will continue to prepare drafts for additional segments of the Comprehensive Plan update brochure. He will also revise his suggested Vision Statements and prepare a draft of a letter to Council requesting approval of the brochure-type update format.

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.

No one from the public was in attendance.

Salvatore Boccuti moved the meeting be adjourned, Seconded by Margaret Andrews and Carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION