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AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF September 27, 2011, MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 27, 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: Dan McCormick, Salvatore Boccuti, Joshua Kanaplue, Peter Amento, Steven Ware, William Mulroy, Robert LaGreca 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, and Margaret Andrews was absent.

William Mulroy moved the Minutes of August 23, 2011, be approved. Robert LaGreca seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, provided a draft of a letter to be sent to Ambler Borough Council advising the intention of the Planning Commission to update the Borough's Comprehensive Plan using a brochure-type format instead of text. This brochure-type update can be used for public relations purposes, i.e. potential developers, new business prospects and/or residents. It is anticipated that the brochure will provide photographs and maps which would be more interesting to the public than simply text. The content of the letter was discussed and changes were suggested to the County Planner. The revised letter will be e-mailed to each member prior to the October meeting. A copy of the Montgomery Township brochure is proposed to be attached to the letter to council to give an example of this update format now proposed. Steve Ware volunteered to print the Montgomery Township brochure in its actual size from a disk obtained by Ronald Myers and fold it appropriately.

At the request of Borough Council, the Planning Commission was asked to review and recommend changes to the Ambler Borough Subdivision and 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 be added to the proposed list; and at the July meeting the Commission made suggestions of the various plantings to be deleted from the County's suggested list and some recommendations to be added. Circumstances existed that caused the County's memo to not be revised in sufficient time for presentation at the August or September meetings. Accordingly, Josh Kanaplue will revise the memo provided to the Commission from the EAC dated June 2, 2011, with suggestions of woody plants to be removed from and those to be added to the list and e-mail it to each member before the October meeting. The EAC's recommendation to add a new paragraph to the ordinance to refer to a website is not recommended by the Planning Commission. It is not advisable to add language regarding referring to a website for alternative plantings.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new Business was discussed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR OCTOBER, 2011, MEETING:

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

No one from the public was in attendance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION