

# Borough Of Ambler

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## AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2012, MEETING

The regular January meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 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 A. Boccuti, Joshua Kanaplue, Peter Amento, Steven Ware, Robert LaGreca, William Mulroy and Carol Ann 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 as was Margaret Andrews.

Robert LaGreca moved the Minutes of December 13, 2011, be approved. Salvatore Boccuti seconded the motion.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012:** Peter Amento nominated Steven Ware for Chairman, Robert LaGreca for Vice Chairman and Carol Ann DiPietro for Secretary. Vote taken; unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Council recommends the Planning Commission to review and recommend amending the Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance by replacing the existing attachment "B" of the ordinance with a new list of recommended plant materials.

The County reviewed the proposed Ordinance amendment and made no comments in its letter to Borough Manager of January 24, 2012.

Josh Kanaplue made a recommendation to approve the plant list in the Ordinance with noted typographical corrections and send the recommendation along to Borough Council.

James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, presented his continuing update to the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. This month the subject of his memo was Historic Preservation, Open Space, Parks and Sustainability. Several additions were suggested.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bottom Dollar grocery store chain has submitted an Application and proposed plan to construct a store on the Knopf Motors property on Butler Avenue which was delivered to each Planning Commission member at the meeting. A Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for February 9, 2012, for Bottom Dollar to request relief in regard to signage and flood plain.

The issues raised at the Town Meeting on January 10, 2012, at the Ambler Theater regarding parking were discussed. The Main Street Committee will address the issues and suggestions at its meeting on January 31, 2012. All are welcome to attend.

Council voted to invalidate the portion of the Zoning Ordinance addressing billboards. The matter of billboards in Ambler will be an Agenda item at a future meeting.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY, 2012, MEETING:**

County Planner will continue to prepare drafts for additional segments of the Comprehensive Plan update. He estimated that the update content may be finished by the middle of 2012. The format of the Comprehensive Plan update will continue to be discussed.

Bottom Dollar Grocery Store Application and plan for a store on Butler Avenue.

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No one from the public was in attendance.

Robert LaGreca moved the meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann DiPietro  
Recording Secretary,  
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION