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AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF August 28, 2012, MEETING

The regular August meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 28, 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, Steven Ware, Margaret Andrews, William Mulroy, Joshua Kanaplue, Peter Amento, Robert LaGreca 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.

William Mulroy moved the Minutes of June 26, 2012, and the Statement of the July 24, 2012, meeting (which did not have a quorum) be approved, and Robert LaGreca seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council requested that the Planning Commission review and recommend minor updates to the Ambler Borough Comprehensive Plan. James Ennis, Montgomery County Planner, is working on compiling the various sections discussed at previous meetings. His report will be presented at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council requested the Planning Commission review and recommend proposed changes and updates to the Ambler Borough Floodplain Ordinance.

FEMA provided suggested amendments to the Floodplain Ordinance. The suggested amendments must be adopted to maintain eligibility with the Flood Insurance Program. These amendments are new regulatory standards for prevention of flooding. Jim Ennis provided a 16-page memo outlining the proposed amendments to the Ordinance. A copy of the Ordinance was provided to each Member of the Commission. The Planning Commission requested that Jim Ennis bring comments from other municipalities to the September meeting along with a comparison of the present Ordinance to the newly proposed amendments for review. The Planning Commission also asked that the Borough Engineer, James Dougherty, also prepare comments on the new amendments.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2012, MEETING:

County Planner will prepare a draft of the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan for review.

County Planner will bring further recommendations and comments concerning the Floodplain Ordinance. Borough Engineer will also prepare comments.

Bernadette Dougherty was an additional attendee.

Mrs. Dougherty had some questions and comments on the proposed amendments to the Floodplain Ordinance and on our landscaping requirements. Discussion ensued concerning landscaping requirements – especially to buffer commercial from residential – after the development is completed and an escrow returned to the developer/owner. What can be done to insure the landscaping remains healthy and in good order in accordance with the requirements set forth in a Land Development Plan as time passes?

Robert LaGreca moved the meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION