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## AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2014, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Secretary Carol Ann DiPietro presided.

**Roll Call:** Present: Peter Amento, Salvatore A. Boccuti, Carol Ann DiPietro, Dan McCormick and William Mulroy. Meredith Curran Trego, Montgomery County Planner, and Ronald E. Myers, Sr., Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer. James Dougherty, of Gilmore and Associates, Inc., Borough Engineer, was excused from attendance.

Robert Lagreca, Al Comly, Steve Ware and Elizabeth Iovine were excused from attending.

Peter Amento made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2014, with an addition. Dan McCormick seconded the motion.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Council recommends the Planning Commission review and recommend revisions to the Parking Ordinance for specific uses. The County Planner prepared a draft Ordinance setting forth suggested up-dated parking calculations to be incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance for Ambler. Also included in the draft is a concept for consideration by the Commission and thereafter recommend to Borough Council to allow an applicant who is unable to meet the parking calculation to make a yearly monetary contribution to a "parking fund". The actual calculation of the contribution requires additional discussion. The possible uses for the accumulated moneys in the "fund" also require additional discussion in order to make a recommendation to Borough Council. There was lengthy and lively discussion by the Commission and attendees in regard to the concept of parking calculations and the issues resulting from the need for a calculation such as:

- The effect on current businesses whose patrons complain about finding a parking spot;
- The effect on incoming businesses who are unable meet the parking requirement;
- The effect on residents who have difficulty finding parking spots near their homes;
- and
- The effect on the Bcrough who owns the municipal lots.

Does the parking issue rest with the Borough or should the possibility of creating an entity be explored? And does this involve the implementation of the "Parking Fund" concept.

Is there an actual shortage of parking spots for the demand or is the location of spots difficult to find which may require improved signage.

Can any suggested concepts contained in the parking study completed several years ago be implemented? How? And by who?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR AUGUST 26, 2014, MEETING**

Further discussion and review of proposed parking requirement changes for certain uses and a recommendation to Council for implementation of a "parking fund". The County Planner will provide an amended draft Ordinance for further discussion.

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Several residents were in attendance. Several residents participated in the parking calculation and its implementation discussion.

William Mulroy moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:52 p.m., seconded by Salvatore Boccuti.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Ann DiPietro  
Recording Secretary,  
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION