

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2015, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Lagreca called the meeting to order and presided.

**Roll Call:** Present: Joshua Kanaplue, Christopher Twohig, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, William Mulroy, Al Comly, Jr., and Robert C. Legreca. Also in attendance: Meredith Curran Trego, Montgomery County Planner, James Dougherty, of Gilmore and Associates, Inc., Borough Engineer, and Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

Peter Amento was excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2015, William Mulroy seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council requests the Planning Commission review and recommend revisions to the existing Ordinance which lacks a provision allowing for “automobile sales” as a permitted use. The Planning commission reviewed the revisions suggested by Borough Solicitor which proposes to restrict auto sales to the commercial and retail services areas. Carol DiPietro made a motion to recommend the revisions to Council, the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Iovine. A Vote taken was unanimous and a letter will be prepared for Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council requests the Planning Commission review five Ordinances submitted by the Ambler EAC to protect and encourage maintenance of the Borough’s environmental resources.

The first review is the proposed steep slope and flood plain areas as well as the proposed steep slope conservation district Ordinance language looking to protect and encourage maintenance of the Borough’s environmental resources. The County Planner provided suggested information and a color-coded map of the Borough outlining Precautionary Slopes 15%-20% and Prohibitive Slopes 25% or more. After

discussion by the Planning Commission and comments made by residents in attendance, the Planning Commission requested the County Planner provide additional information in regard to steep slope areas in the Borough and further discussion for the April, 2015 meeting. It is difficult to envision where in the Borough the Precautionary Slopes may be located and whether those percentages might be revised.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE APRIL, 2015, MEETING**

On-going review of the possible suggestions for the environmental resources ordinances, initially, the steep slope areas and flood plan areas.

A number of residents were in attendance. The following residents made comments.

Brian Quinn	319 Valley Brook Road
Judy Baigas	172 Tennis Avenue
Mary Margaret Monser	372 Forest Avenue

William Mulroy moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m., seconded by Joshua Kanaplue.

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