

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Lagreca called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Joshua Kanaplue, Christopher Twohig, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, William Mulroy, Peter Amento, and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner, Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and James Dougherty, of Gilmore and Associates, Inc., Borough Engineer.

Al Comly, Jr., was excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2016, Elizabeth Iovine seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crown Castle NG East located in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, requests a conditional use approval to install three proposed DAS Node Facilities within the public right-of-way at 2 Ridge Avenue, 209 W. Butler Avenue and 100 S. Main Street. The location on Ridge is in front of the Presbyterian Church, the W. Butler Avenue location is in front of the Sons of Italy Lodge and the 100 S. Main is in front of the SEPTA parking lot. Representatives from Crown Castle attended to make a presentation. However, because it was recently realized that the poles exceed the maximum height requirement specified in the Ordinance, relief from the Zoning Hearing Board must be obtained. Therefore, a motion was made and seconded to request Crown Castle grant the Borough a written extension of time in which to hold the Conditional Use Hearing, with the hope that the necessary variance could be obtained from the Zoning Hearing Board before the time expired for the scheduling of a Conditional Use Hearing. The extension needed would be 30 days from April 23, 2016. If an extension is not given by Crown Castle, the motion made is to then deny the request. A vote was taken and it carried unanimously. A letter will be prepared for Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding proposed draft Parking Ordinance revisions. County Planner provided information for discussion and will bring additional information for April meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A suggestion was made by Elizabeth Iovine for the Commission to consider visiting sites which are either subjects of an Agenda item or a walk along Butler Avenue to acquaint the members with sites for discussion. The Commission Members were in favor of this suggestion. With warmer weather and darkness falling later, one of the spring or summer meetings can possibly be held walking along Butler Avenue, especially now that the Ambler Savings Bank is nearing completion. The Code Enforcement Officer will consult with our Solicitor to find out if this can be done and what would the advertisement requirements be. A suggestion is to stop for coffee or a cold drink at a place along Butler Avenue.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE APRIL, 2016, MEETING

Further discussion on the proposed draft Parking Ordinance revisions.

Crown Castle Conditional Use Request.

Continued discussion of a Planning Commission meeting taking place outside with a walk along Butler Avenue. May and/or June Meetings may be perfect candidates.

Several residents were in attendance.

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