

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2016, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, June 26, 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, Al Comly, Jr., and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner, Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer

Peter Amento and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2016, Elizabeth Iovine seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review the proposed Ordinance repealing the Riparian Buffer Ordinance #1095. The Riparian Corridor Conservation District Ordinance was discussed by the Planning Commission over several months' meetings in 2015. At the February 23, 2016, Planning Commission meeting the members voted unanimously to make a recommendation to Borough Council to regard that proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance as a guideline for future treatment of the creek. A letter was sent to Council expressing our hope that the draft Riparian Buffer Ordinance will become a cornerstone of a strategy to improve the quality of the environment in the Borough.

After discussion, and resident comments, a motion was made by Salvatore Boccuti seconded by Elizabeth Iovine to not move the repeal ordinance to Council. The roll-call vote taken was unanimous to not recommend this repeal ordinance to council. The Planning Commission continues to support the Riparian Buffer Ordinance as it was adopted by vote of Borough Council on May 3, 2016. A letter will be prepared for Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested on potential uses for the recent acquisition of the parcel at the corner of Butler and Park in front of the CVS parcel by the Borough. Discussion on this item was postponed to the July meeting because of the lateness of the hour.

Discussion regarding proposed draft Parking Ordinance revisions. Review of the proposed draft provided by the County Planner. Some comments included employee and business owner parking. There was extensive discussion regarding parking calculations for various uses and specific buildings and a possibility of assembling parcels for one use. Discussion turned to parking calculation for banks and financial institutions and possible banquet halls. Further discussion at the July meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE JULY, 2016, MEETING

Further discussion on the proposed draft Parking Ordinance revisions.

Input requested on potential uses for the recent acquisition of the parcel at the corner of Butler and Park.

Several residents were in attendance and many expressed comments mostly concerning the parking. Some in attendance were:

Jennifer Brooke Marshall 157 Edgewood Drive

Elizabeth Iovine made a motion at 8:45 seconded by William Mulroy to adjourn.

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