

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

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 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, and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner, Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer.

Peter Amento and Al Comly Jr., were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2016, with one correction. William Mulroy seconded the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to Bank/Financial Institution parking requirement in the Parking Ordinance. The County Planner presented a memo outlining the current parking requirements for bank/financial institution use in other municipalities; Downingtown, Doylestown, Jenkintown, Lansdale, Malvern, Media and New Hope. The members discussed the various calculations and definitions of a bank/financial institution use. It was suggested that a requirement be created for 1 space for every 300 square feet of gross floor area and not include a parking calculation requirement for the number of proposed teller windows. If a drive-through is proposed, stacking area for 3-4 cars would be required. The County Planner will bring a proposed ordinance for review at the August meeting.

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. The Borough Engineer brought photographs outlining the underground stream that cuts through this parcel which limits the uses that can be proposed for this parcel. The suggestion was made to allow the farmer's market to meet on this parcel on Saturday mornings during the season with the remainder of the week for passive, recreational green space

with benches or a stone wall for seating. Another clock was proposed for the “park” along with a memorial or statue or water feature -- maybe a rain-garden-type area, also.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE AUGUST, 2016, MEETING**

Further discussion on the proposed draft Parking Ordinance revisions for bank/financial institution.

Further input on potential uses for the recent acquisition of the parcel at the corner of Butler and Park.

Judy Baigas Tennis Avenue was in attendance.

Lauren Van Dyk stated that the County is planning an event in Ambler to highlight the adaptive reuse accomplishments in the Borough. More information to follow at a future meeting.

Elizabeth Iovine made a motion at 8:15 seconded by Salvatore Boccuti to adjourn.

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