

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2016, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, December 27, 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, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, Al Comly, Jr., and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner, and Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer

William Mulroy, Christopher Twohig and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2016, Elizabeth Iovine seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review the proposed Ordinance regarding proposed revisions to Bank/Financial Institution Parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. This proposal was prepared as a result of several months of discussion. The members reviewed the proposed Ordinance and Peter Amento made a motion to recommend the revisions to Council. His Motion was seconded by Elizabeth Iovine. The vote taken was unanimously in favor. A letter will be prepared for Council.

Council requested input on developing Zoning Ordinance language regarding compliance with Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act -- the permitting for medical marijuana growing/processing facilities and dispensaries. The County Planner provided some proposed ordinances for discussion. Continued discussion for the January, 2017, meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested by Council for 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. Lauren Van Dyk and Sara Richardson, from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, had provided Concept Plans incorporating some of the wish-list items the Planning Commission Members have been discussing for the past several months. Lauren and

Sara attended the December 6, 2016, Council meeting to present their Concept Plans and answer any questions. Council seemed enthusiastic about the project which was encouraging to the Planning Commission. The next steps were discussed. Numerous ideas were presented on an approach to move the project forward. A memo was drafted for Council and is attached hereto.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mary Margaret Monser provided information concerning the Growing Greener Plus Grant on behalf of the EAC.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE JANUARY, 2017, MEETING

The "Park Square Parcel" on-going discussions.

Developing Zoning Ordinance language regarding compliance with Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act.

Several residents were in attendance.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:30 seconded by Al Comly to adjourn.

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