

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Lagreca called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2017, Liz Iovine seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None to be discussed.

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. The County Planner is working with Glenn Kucher and the Parks and Rec Committee regarding posting a survey on the website to solicit suggestions, comments and ideas from the residents. The duration of the survey is about two weeks so the results could be at the March meeting for discussion. Glenn Kucher is also working with the County on possible grants for the square – especially involving storm water management, which could involve a rain garden using low maintenance, native plantings, as well as pervious paving material and educational signage.

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 a memo with proposed ordinance language for review. Essentially, the proposal is to locate dispensaries in the C-Commercial Zoning District and the Growing/Processing Facilities in the I-Industrial Zoning District. After discussion

and public comment, a motion was made by Carol DiPietro and seconded by Al Comly to pass the County's memo language to our Borough Solicitor who will prepare a draft Ordinance for a future meeting. The vote taken was unanimous to pass the language to our Solicitor. A letter will be prepared to the Borough Manager.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE MARCH, 2017, MEETING

The "Park Square Parcel" on-going discussions and survey results

Several residents were in attendance. Among them:

Nancy Deininger	Tennis Avenue
Anna Lee Lapinski	Rosemary Avenue
Bernadette Dougherty	Tennis Avenue
Judy Baigas	Tennis Avenue
Mary Margaret Monser	Forest Avenue
Frank DeRuosi	Mattison Avenue
Liz Kuzier	Mattison Avenue

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:10 seconded by Liz Iovine to adjourn.

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