

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2017, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Vice-Chairman Al Comly, Jr., called the meeting to order and presided in Chairman Robert Lagreca's absence.

ROLL CALL: Present: Carissa Hazelton, Joshua Kanaplue, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, William Mulroy, and Al Comly, Jr. Also in attendance: Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner, and Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer

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

The Planning Commission members welcomed our new member, Carissa Hazelton, to her first Meeting.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2017, as the April meeting had been cancelled. William Mulroy seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Input is requested on proposed language regarding prohibiting the spread of bamboo in the Borough. The County Planner presented suggested Ordinances adopted by surrounding Townships for discussion. The Members engaged in a lengthy discussion concerning the pros and cons of adopting such an ordinance. While bamboo is invasive, spreads quickly to neighboring properties, and is difficult to remove, comments were made about there being many other similar invasive species that could also be prohibited from leaving a property and migrating to neighboring properties. The County Planner and the Code Enforcement Officer will put together a list of comments and objectives for discussion at the next meeting.

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels. Glenn Kucher provided a copy of the current Open Space Plan which had been developed and adopted in 2006. The members compared the task of updating this Open Space Plan to the Update developed for the Comprehensive Plan a couple of years ago which took almost one year to complete. The County Planner will bring some information to begin the project next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE JUNE, 2017, MEETING

Begin Update to Open Space Plan

Review comments on preparing and adopting an ordinance to prohibit the spreading of bamboo and/or other invasive species to neighboring properties.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:20 seconded by Joshua Kanaplue to adjourn.

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