

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017, MEETING

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

Joshua Kanaplue, Elizabeth Iovine, Peter Amento, Robert Lagreca and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2017. 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 municipalities for discussion. The Members engaged in a lengthy discussion concerning the pros and cons of adopting such an ordinance. One suggestion is to educate the residents by publishing on the website and in the Borough newsletter the difficulty of containing bamboo once it is planted and its invasive nature in an effort to discourage further planting of bamboo in the Borough. The County Planner and the Code Enforcement Officer will put together a memo for Council with regard to educating residents and requesting direction from Council on pursuing an ordinance or education.

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 County Planner will bring information for discussion next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE JULY, 2017, MEETING

Update to Open Space Plan

Review and/or further discussion concerning pursuing an ordinance to prohibit the spread of bamboo or pursue education without adopting an ordinance.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

William Mulroy made a motion at 8:45 seconded by Salvatore Boccuti to adjourn.

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