

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2017, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 22, 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: Carissa Hazelton, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, William Mulroy, Robert Lagreca and Al Comly, Jr. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, and Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner.

Joshua Kanaplue was excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2017. Elizabeth Iovine seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested on proposed language regarding prohibiting the spread of bamboo in the Borough. Council directed the Borough Solicitor to draft a proposed ordinance to prohibit the planting of “running” or “clumping” bamboo in the Borough. The proposed draft ordinance was discussed. No action was taken and the matter will be discussed again at the September meeting.

Review the proposed Montgomery County Model Stormwater Management Ordinance with Borough revisions which is part of the continued compliance with PA Act 167. Borough Engineer, James Dougherty, presented and reviewed the proposed Ordinance which seeks to:

- Preserve and restore the flood carrying capacity of watershed streams;
- Reduce erosion and sedimentation;
- Preserve natural stormwater runoff regimes and natural water course, current and cross sections of streams; and
- Protect and conserve ground water and ground water recharge areas.

A motion was made by Carol DiPietro and seconded by Elizabeth Iovine to recommend to Council to approve the proposed Model Stormwater Management Ordinance with

the inclusion of the definition for “Riparian Buffer”. The vote taken was unanimous to make this recommendation to Council. A letter will be prepared for Council.

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels. The County Planner presented a draft outline for updating the Plan. Input from the Planning Commission members was requested on suggested topics for the outline. The County Planner will bring the amended Outline to the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2017, MEETING

Update to Open Space Plan.
Bamboo ordinance.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

William Mulroy made a motion at 8:35 seconded by Salvatore Boccuti to adjourn.

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