

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2017, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Peter Amento called the meeting to order. Thereafter, newly-elected Chairman Robert Lagreca presided over the meeting.

REORGANIZATION: Peter Amento made three motions to nominate Robert Lagreca for Chairman; Al Comly, Jr., for Vice Chairman and Carol Ann DiPietro for Secretary. The votes taken carried unanimously.

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

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

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 27, 2016, Al Comly, Jr., 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. Lauren Van Dyk and Sara Richardson, from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, presented a Concept Plan incorporating some of the suggestions the Planning Commission Members and residents have been discussing for the past several months. Residents were in attendance and had suggestions, comments and questions. Some residents were concerned about planting trees for shade, suggesting that the sun could cause the space to become too hot to enjoy and having shade would be beneficial. There were also comments about providing some boundary plantings to delineate the space from the CVS parking lot. Greening up the space seems to be an important consideration. The County Planner will solicit comment from James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, for the February, 2017, meeting. Planting trees over the creek would be discouraged. One of the major concepts is to keep the space as free from permanent structures and fixtures as possible to accommodate a wide

variety of events, organizations and ideas. The County Planner and/or Glenn Kucher will contact Borough Council Parks Chairman, regarding posting a survey on the website to solicit suggestions, comments and ideas from the residents. 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.

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 ordinance information for discussion and will bring additional information to the February, 2017, meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE FEBRUARY, 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.

Nancy Deininger	Tennis Avenue
Anna Lee Lapinski	Rosemary Avenue
Bernadette Dougherty	Tennis Avenue
Judy Baigas	Tennis Avenue
Mary Margaret Monser	Forest Avenue
David Morgan	School Street

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:15 seconded by Josh Kanaplue to adjourn.

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