

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2018, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 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 in the absence of the Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Roll Call: Present: David Kralle Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, William Mulroy, Peter Amento, and Al Comly, Jr. Also in attendance: Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner, and Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

The Planning Commission welcomed its new member, David Kralle.

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

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 26 2018, William Mulroy seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels since the last update in 2006. The County Planner presented a spreadsheet outlining the Highest Priority Action Items proposed for the Update to the 2006 Borough Open Space Plan. Discussion involved our Borough parks, the use and the future vision for each and possible action items. Comments were made for revisions. The revised Matrix will be discussed in August.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Code Enforcement officer presented each member with a copy of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan which Montgomery County has requested each municipality adopt by December 31, 2018. Council is requesting a recommendation from the Planning Commission for adoption. The Montgomery County Planning Commission staff works with the Public Safety Department to maintain the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is used by all 62 municipalities in the county to fulfill hazard mitigation planning requirements established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and local governments to develop an approved mitigation plan as a condition for receiving federal disaster grants

and loans. The act also requires plans to be amended and updated every five years. The last plan was prepared in 2012 and was adopted by nearly all municipalities in the county. This plan has been updated based on the experience over the past five years. The Code Enforcement Officer will begin the review in August of the major revisions.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE AUGUST, 2018, MEETING

Review of revised Highest Priority Action Items Matrix.
Review of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Peter Amento made a motion at 8:30 seconded by Salvatore Boccuti to adjourn.

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