



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

January 3, 2017

7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC UTILITIES
FINANCE & PLANNING
PARKS & RECREATION
SALARY & PERSONNEL**

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Mr. Curtis, Chairperson

Mrs. Mc Cormick

Mr. Sheward

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement report is **attached**.

2. **DOG LEASH ORDINANCE**

Ms. Jill Sanchez of 149 Rosemary would like to discuss the Dog leash Ordinance with Borough Council.
(attached)

Borough of Ambler

Code Enforcement Report for 2016

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	12	8	14	18	13	17	13	13	17	8	13	8	154
Dumpster	1	2	3	4	2	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	24
Fire	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4
Mechanical	2	3	2	6	1	4	6	4	7	2	0	1	38
Plumbing	1	2	3	2	1	7	5	4	6	1	2	1	35
Road Opening	2	3	2	0	2	4	2	7	4	6	2	2	36
Use and Occupancy	2	5	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	15
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoning	1	1	2	2	6	10	1	6	3	3	2	1	38
Rental Inspections	23	3	44	33	58	40	41	9	9	8	50	25	343
TOTALS	44	27	73	68	83	84	72	49	47	30	81	39	687

Mary Aversa

From: Code <code@borough.ambler.pa.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 10:12 AM
To: 'Mary Aversa'
Cc: 'Elizabeth Russell'
Subject: Borough Leash Law
Attachments: Chapter_2_Part_2_Animals_At_Large_16-12-29.pdf; Chapter_2_Animals_16-12-29.pdf

Mary,

Attached is the following:

- Full Chapter 2 of Ambler Borough Code of Ordinance regarding animals
- Just Chapter 2 Part 2 - DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE OR CREATING DISTURBANCE

The specific section that I believe is being referenced is below. I underlined the specific phrase.

§2-201. Dogs and Cats Not to be Permitted to Run at Large. 1. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or cat to allow such dog or cat to be outside the premises of such person unless the animal is in the control of such person by means of a leash. For purposes of this Section, a leash shall be defined as a physical tether, such as is made of leather, rope or chain, and shall not include any manner of electronic dog training or dog walking device, although such device may be used in addition to a conventional leash.

I included both in case you wanted the full ordinance for reference. Let me know if you need any additional information.

Glenn

Glenn Kucher
Code Enforcement Officer
Borough of Ambler
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CHAPTER 2

ANIMALS

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KEEPING OF ANIMALS

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DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE OR CREATING DISTURBANCE

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PART 1

KEEPING OF ANIMALS

§2-101. Definitions.

1. As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

ANIMAL — any domestic animal or fowl, any wild animal or any household pet.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL — any animal normally or ordinarily domesticated or raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes, or normally or ordinarily kept as a household pet.

HOUSEHOLD PET — any dog, cat or other domestic animal normally and ordinarily kept in or permitted to be at large in the dwelling of its owner.

LARGE ANIMAL — any wild or domestic animal of the bovine, equine or sheep family or of similar size.

PERSON — any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

SMALL ANIMAL — any wild or domestic animal such as a rabbit, hare, guinea pig, rat, mouse or chinchilla.

WILD ANIMAL — any animal, bird, fowl or reptile not normally or ordinarily domesticated; not normally or ordinarily raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes or not normally or ordinarily kept as a household pet.

2. In this Part the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and the masculine shall include the feminine.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by Ord. 948, 10/16/2000, §1)

§2-102. Certain Animals Prohibited.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep pigs, hogs, swine, bees, snakes greater than two feet, nor shall any person keep any arachnid or crustacean that is poisonous.
2. Any animal which has become prohibited by this Part but which was previously allowable is excepted from the provisions herein, except that there shall be no

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breeding or replacement of any such animal and all animals remain subject to other pertinent ordinances and laws, including those relating to public nuisance.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by Ord. 948, 10/16/2000, §2)

§2-103. Permit Required for Keeping of Wild Animals.

1. No person other than a registered veterinarian in the course of his professional duties shall be permitted to maintain, keep or possess within the Borough of Ambler any animal herein defined as a wild animal unless application for a permit shall have been made by such person to the Public Safety Committee of the Borough of Ambler and a permit shall have been issued therefor.
2. The application for such permit shall have attached thereto a registered veterinarian's health certificate for each animal to be covered by said permit, shall be verified by an affidavit and shall set forth the following:
 - A. Type, number and size of animals to be covered by the permit.
 - B. Purpose of keeping such animals.
 - C. Period for which permit is requested.
 - D. Description of the quarters in which the animals will be kept, including plans and specifications thereof where appropriate.
 - E. Circumstances, if any, under which the animals will be removed from quarters.
 - F. Biographical information of applicant and any other person to be placed in charge of the animals, with particular emphasis on the knowledge of such persons about the animals in question and experience of such persons in handling the animals in question.
 - G. Such additional information as the Public Safety Committee of the Borough of Ambler may require.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983)

§2-104. Issuance, Duration and Revocation of Permit; Fee.

1. The Public Safety Committee shall review or cause to be reviewed each application for a permit under this Part and may either approve or reject such application or require modification of the same. When the Public Safety Committee has approved the application, the Borough Secretary shall issue a permit. The permit

shall be nontransferable, and shall be valid for one calendar year. The Secretary, on advice of the Public Safety Committee, shall also have the power to revoke any such permit.

2. The applicant for a permit under this Part shall, at the time of his application, pay a fee as established from time to time by Borough Council.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983)

§2-105. Keeping of Animals Regulated.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animals, except household pets, except as provided in this Section:

- A. Large animals shall be confined in quarters no part of which shall be closer than 100 from the exterior limits of any dwelling or of any property line.
- B. Small animals shall be kept confined in quarters no part of which shall be closer than 25 from the exterior limits of any dwelling or of any property line, except where said animals are kept in a pet shop or store.
- C. The keeper of every such animal shall confine the same in an enclosure sufficient to prevent such animal from running at large, and such enclosure shall be of a size conducive to good sanitary practices and adequate and sanitary drainage facilities shall be provided.
- D. Every keeper of any animal shall cause the litter and droppings therefrom to be collected daily in a container or receptacle that when closed shall be rat-proof and fly-tight, and after every such collection shall cause such container or receptacle to be kept closed. At least twice a week, every such keeper shall cause all litter and droppings so collected to be disposed of in such manner as not to permit the presence of fly larvae.
- E. Every keeper of any animal shall cause all feed provided therefor to be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, container or receptacle.
- F. The keeper shall use every reasonable precaution to insure that animals are not teased, abused, mistreated, annoyed, tormented or in any manner made to suffer by any person or by any means.
- G. Animals which are enemies by nature, or are temperamentally unsuited, shall not be quartered together or so near each other as to cause said animals fear or to be abused, tormented or annoyed.
- H. The keeper shall maintain premises so as to eliminate offensive odors or excessive noise.

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- I. The keeper shall not permit any condition causing disturbance of peace and quiet of his neighbor.
- J. Animals must be maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape. The keeper assumes full responsibility for recapturing any animal that escapes from his premises. The keeper shall make adequate provision and safeguards to protect the public from the animals.
- K. Every person shall conform to all present and future laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America, the ordinances of the Borough and the rules and regulations of the Public Safety Committee in any way connected with animals including specifically anti-cruelty laws.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983)

§2-106. Household Pets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any household pet, except as provided in this Section:

- A. If any such pet shall be kept in a dwelling owned or occupied by its owner, such owner shall be required to follow such procedures and practices, as to the number of such pets to be kept there, and as to sanitation, to ensure that no public nuisance shall be created or maintained and no threat to the health of persons living elsewhere than in such dwelling shall be created.
- B. If any such pet shall be kept in an enclosure outside such dwelling, the provisions of §2-105 of this Part, insofar as the same applies to small animals, shall be applicable to the keeping of such household pet.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983)

§2-107. Violation of State Law.

Any violation of this Part that would also violate any State law shall be prosecuted under that State law and not under this Part.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983)

§2-108. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30

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days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 555, 3/10/1969; as revised by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by A.O.

PART 2

DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE

§2-201. Dogs and Cats Not to be Permitted to Run at Large.

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or cat to allow such dog or cat to be outside the premises of such person unless the animal is in the control of such person by means of a leash. For purposes of this Section, a leash shall be defined as a physical tether, such as is made of leather, rope or chain, and shall not include any manner of electronic dog training or dog walking device, although such device may be used in addition to a conventional leash.
2. The owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, in the event such dog defecates on any property other than that of the owner, custodian or keeper, shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces, so deposited in a sanitary manner.

(Ord. 445, 7/13/1959, §1; as amended by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; by Ord. 811, 10/21/1985, §1; by Ord. 948, 10/16/2000, §4; and by Ord. 1027, 10/21/2008)

§2-202. Seizure and Impounding of Dogs and Cats Running at Large.

It shall be the duty of any police officer of the Borough of Ambler who witnesses any dog or cat running at large in conflict with the provisions of §2-201 or who receives information of any dog or cat so running at large, to seize such dog or cat and to convey it to the place designated by the Borough Council as a pound. Notice of such seizure shall be sent to the owner of such dog or cat in the manner prescribed by law and such dog or cat may be redeemed by the owner thereof within the time specified by law, upon payment of the charges incurred by reason of such detention. Rates for such charges shall be determined from time to time by the Borough.

(Ord. 445, 7/13/1959, §2; as amended by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by Ord. 948, 10/16/2001, §4)

§2-203. Dogs Not to be Permitted to Continually Bark.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog to allow such dog to continually bark in such a manner as the dog shall disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

(Ord. 445, 7/13/1959, §3; as amended by Ord. 593, 7/10/1972, §1)

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§2-204. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 445, 7/13/1959, §4; as amended by Ord. 593, 7/10/1972, §1; by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by Ord. 991, 8/15/2005)

PART 3

USE OF HORSES AND SIMILAR ANIMALS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

§2-301. License Required.

No person may, at any time, have upon the streets, roads, alleyways or upon property within the Borough of Ambler, to which the public is invited, any horse, pony, donkey or similar animal, to be ridden or to pull any cart or similar vehicles for recreation purposes, either for hire or gratuitous, without such person having procured a license therefor from the Borough Secretary.

(Ord. 611, 11/12/1973, §1)

§2-302. Application.

Any person desiring to procure a license for the use of said animals within the Borough of Ambler shall apply therefor, in writing, to the Borough Secretary, at least 10 days prior to the intended use of said animals. Such application shall set forth the name of the applicant, the address at which the person conducts his business, the hours during which such animals are to be used and the general description of the animals and the cart or other vehicle to be used.

(Ord. 611, 11/12/1973, §2)

§2-303. Insurance Requirements.

Any person desiring to procure a license for the use of said animals or vehicles shall file his application, as provided in §2-402 hereof and a certificate of insurance evidencing public liability and property damage protection in the minimum amount of \$500,000 per injury to \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, and property damage coverage in the amount of \$75,000 per occurrence. Said insurance shall be in such form and endorsed in such manner, as to provide protection for the users, rider of such animals or vehicles and shall be approved by the Borough Solicitor.

(Ord. 611, 11/12/1973, §3; as amended by Ord. 630, 7/7/1974.)

§2-304. Issuance of License; Fee.

Upon the filing of the application and the certificate of insurance and after the same has been approved by the Borough Solicitor, a license shall be issued by the Borough Secretary upon the payment of a daily license fee, as established, from time to time, by Borough Council, for each day or part of a day for the use of said animals and vehicles.

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(Ord. 611, 11/12/1973, §4; as amended by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983)

§2-305. Inspection by Police; Revocation of License.

The Borough Police, under the direction of the Mayor, shall make inspections at reasonable times to determine that the proper license has been issued to the user or operator of said animals and any license issued under this Part shall be exhibited at any time on request of the Mayor or any Police Officer of the Borough. The Mayor may revoke any license hereunder granted, when he deems such revocation necessary for the benefit or protection of the public health, safety or morals.

(Ord. 611, 11/12/1973, §5)

§2-306. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 611, 11/12/1973, §6; as amended by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by A.O.

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Mr. Zaccone, Chairperson
Mr. Curtis
Mr. Pasceri

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **SILO DEMOLITION**

Quotes are being obtained for the demolition of the Silo at the Waste Water Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT**

The Engineer's report will be provided.

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Mr. Sheward, Chairperson
Mr. DeRuosi
Ms. Tomlinson

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH HALL GYM RENOVATIONS**

A bid package is being advertised on PennBID for the renovations of the Borough Hall Gym. Bid opening is scheduled for Monday January 9.

2. **BOND DETAIL**

Please see the **attached** Post Issuance Compliance Procedures that the Borough needs approve this evening to satisfy bond requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **PARKING REQUIREMENT - ZONING ORDINANCE**

Please see the **attached** Borough and County Planning Commission review letters regarding Bank / Financial Institution Parking Requirements. The Ordinance has been advertised for adoption.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE, REMOVING THE EXISTING PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TELLER WINDOWS AND REPLACING THEM WITH NEW PARKING REQUIREMENTS BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE; ADDING A NEW DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION; BEING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 2701 AND 202 OF TITLE 27 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION

WHEREAS, recent experience with applying the number of parking spaces required by the zoning ordinance has led to the determination that the existing formula of basing parking on the number of teller windows is outdated, given the proliferation of online banking and in light of the current practice of banks and financial institutions to dedicate greater space for consulting with customers regarding their transactions in lieu of customers lined up at teller windows,

NOW THEREFORE, Borough Council does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

1. Section 202 of Title 27 of the Ambler Borough codified ordinances, "Definitions", is amended by the addition of a new definition, "Financial Institution. Financial establishments, including banks and credit unions, and related retail financial service organizations."
2. Section 2102 of Title 27, Required Spaces for off-street parking, is amended as follows:
 - a. The existing requirements for bank parking are removed from the list of required parking spaces.
 - b. In place of the old language, the following is inserted into the list of required spaces:
"Financial institution. 1 space per every 300 square feet of gross floor area devoted to customer service use as well as to any office use. Drive-up lanes, where permitted, must provide space for 3 vehicles in the queuing area in each lane provided.

This ordinance is effective upon the date of adoption. The remainder of the zoning ordinance remains in full force and effect, unaffected by this ordinance.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2016

Salvatore Pasceri, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jeanne Sorg, Mayor

Borough Of Ambler

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December 27, 2016

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
122 East Butler Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Ordinance regarding Proposed
Revisions to Bank/Financial
Institution Parking Requirements

Dear Mrs. Aversa:

Please be advised that the Ambler Borough Planning Commission at its December 27, 2016, meeting voted unanimously to make a recommendation to Borough Council to approve the proposed revisions to bank/financial institution parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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JODY L. HOLTON, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 30, 2016

Mr. Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC #16-0227-001
Zoning Text Amendment – Bank Parking
Borough of Ambler

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on November 9, 2016. e forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The Borough of Ambler proposes two zoning text amendments to portions of **§27-202 "Definition of Terms"** and **§27-2102 "Required Spaces"** as they relate to parking space requirements for financial institutions. The first amendment will add a new use category and definition for financial institutions as follows:

Financial Institution – Financial establishments, including banks and credit unions, and related retail financial service organizations.

The second proposed amendment removes parking space requirements for "Bank, financial institution" uses and inserts the following requirements for financial institutions (in accordance with the new definition, above):

Financial institution. 1 space per every 300 square feet of gross floor area devoted to customer service use, as well as to any office use. Drive-up lanes, where permitted, must provide space for 3 vehicles in the queuing area in each lane provided.



The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) was asked to assist the Ambler Planning Commission in updating parking requirements for banks and financial institutions as the Borough recognized that the existing requirements do not most accurately reflect the needs of these uses. The existing parking requirements are based on the number of teller windows present, however popularity in online banking and the physical restructuring of many banks and financial institutions means that teller windows are generally less common today. Per the proposed amendments, we believe that it is appropriate to combine banks with other financial institutions as a use category, and that basing parking requirements on the square footage of both customer service and office areas is a more effective approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission supports the Borough's proposal without comment as we have found it to be generally consistent with planning goals and objectives of the County and the Borough, as well as with regional examples of best practices in bank and financial institution parking requirements.

CONCLUSION

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



Lauren Van Dyk, Community Planner
lvandyk@montcopa.org
610-278-3749

c: Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Robert LaGreca, Chair, Ambler Planning Commission

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Mr. DeRuosi, Chairperson
Mrs. Deininger
Ms. Hertz

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH AVENUE PROPERTY -PARK AND BUTLER**

Attached is a DRAFT memo from the PC outlining possible next steps for the implementation. The plans should be completed by the County for the January PC meeting.

2. **AMBLER JUNIOR BASEBALL**

A request was received to contribute funds towards the porous safety surface for the dugouts and batter warm up area. The Committee is looking into the request.

3. **MOBILE FREE LIBRARIES**

Recycled newspaper stands were provided to the Borough from the Reporter. Direction is requested on locations and design.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **GROWING GREENER GRANT**

The EAC is preparing an application for a Growing Greener Grant, **attached** is a draft letter of support from the Borough Planning Commission.

2. **EAC MINUTES**

The November EAC minutes are **attached**.

Growing Ambler Greener

2017-2020 Campaign

Targeted areas:

- Rose Valley Creek Greenway
- Tannery Run Greenway

Tools:

- Riparian Buffer Restoration
- Steep Slope Terraces
- Rain Gardens
- Water Barrels
- Down Spout Planters

Funding:

- Growing Greener Grant
- Borough Match at least 15%
- Includes value of in kind

Partners:

- Ambler Borough
- Red Tail Restoration
- Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association
- Montgomery County Conservation District

Future Partners:

- Temple University Center for Sustainable Communities
- Villanova Civil Engineering Department
- Wissahickon High School

References:

- Ambler Borough Open Space Plan 2006

http://boroughofambler.com/download/open_space/OpenSpacePlan_2006.pdf

- Flooding and Stormwater Management Plan for Ambler Area Watersheds

https://amblerwatersheds.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/amblerwatersheds_final_report_draft_oct27_2014_templeuniv.pdf

- Edgewood Preserve Conservation Management Plan

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HP/Downloads/Edgewood%20Preserve_Final%20CMP%209-13-2016.pdf



November 16th, 2016

November 16th 7-8:15 pm Ambler Borough Hall 131 Rosemary Ave Recorded by: Mary-Margaret Monser

Members in Attendance:

Mary-Margaret Monser
(No Quorum)

Absent Members:

Karen Polesir, Ben Bergman, Stephen Maakestad, Susan Johnsson
(Two Vacancies)

Associates and Visitors in Attendance:

Susan Curry
Chris Raines
David Morgan
Jill Sanchez (with Christian)?

Next Meeting Date: December 21, 2016 at 6:30pm at From The Boot, 110 East Butler Ave

Agenda Topics

1. David Morgan on Trees:

- a. Julianne Schieffer, Regional Urban Forester from Penn State Extension provided inservice training to Ambler Borough Public Works crew on pruning trees in Ambler Borough. Jim Wack and his crew were receptive to develop expertise in tree maintenance.
- b. Julianne Schieffer is open to being invited back in the Spring.
- c. There are 7-8 Ash tree's in Knight Park that are in need of protection from the Emerald Ash Borer at an estimated cost of \$200 per tree.
- d. Trees at Riccardi Park have not been pruned properly. It is believed that a property owner near the park has done pruning on their own.
- e. A Spring Bare Root tree planting can be organized - identifying sites will be essential.
- f. A successful volunteer + borough crew effort planted 17 bare root trees in Ambler on November 17-19.

- g. There is no ordinance that requires a property owner of a sidewalk tree pit when they remove a dead tree to specify that the stump be ground to a 12" depth so that the pit will be ready for a new tree to be planted. The EAC might propose a new code to have stumps ground to 12" level if a tree is removed from public leeway.
- 2. Council and Committee Updates:
 - . Budget is under discussion.
- 3. EAC Budget for 2016 and 2017
 - . 2017 EAC budget proposal was submitted
 - a. 2016 remaining funds: possible outdoor recycling bin, or
 - b. Consider hire RedTail Restoration to initiate work on the Edgewood Preserve Conservation Management Plan (authored by the WVWA)
- 4. Borough Park Maintenance
 - . Red Tail has accomplished noticeable removal of vines near the well shed.
 - a. To build Borough commitment to follow the Conservation Management Plan in Borough Park as well as Edgewood Preserve, consider bringing together John Ferro of WVWA, with Greg Gagliano of Red Tail and Mary Aversa for discussion and decisions on actions
 - b. April 8, 2017, 10-1pm a volunteer event "Garlic Mustard invasive removal" day
- 5. Ambler's TMDL strategy: Mary Margaret and Susan intend to polish the lay version and add links for additional information websites, then post on the EAC website.
- 6. Tinkergarten: Nicole Skinner is inspired to start events for tots spend time in Borough Park. The effort will be self-funded. The first event is Dec. 12.. The EAC supports this effort; will help to publicize it, and inform the Parks and Rec. committee.

Carried Over and New Business

- 1. Follow up with Elizabeth to inquire about the success of her proposal to acquire a non-toxic road salt alternative for de-icing during the winter, or a less toxic herbicide for application on roads/sidewalks, or wherever.

Meeting adjourned

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Ms. Nancy Deininger, Chairperson
Mrs. Mc Cormick
Ms. Tomlinson
Mrs. Hertz

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session is being scheduled for January 4, at 6:30pm.

2. **TAX COLLECTOR SALARY AND FEES**

Attached is the request from the Tax Collector, requesting an increase in salary and fees.
Also attached in the current Resolution and Ordinance.

**AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
ORDINANCE NO. 1068**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 654, AS AMENDED BY
ORDINANCE INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE TAX
COLLECTOR AND INCREASING THE FEE FOR PREPARATION OF
CERTIFICATIONS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE OR PAID FOR
PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, compensation of the Borough tax collector is established by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that an increase in the compensation of the tax collector is warranted and is authorized by 53 P.S. 1-101 et. seq,

NOW THEREFORE, Ambler Borough Council does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

1. The existing language in paragraph "1" is deleted and is replaced with the following: "Beginning January 1, 2014, the tax collector shall be paid a salary of \$7,780.00 annually, payable in equal monthly installments. This salary shall be in compensation for all duties performed by the tax collector pursuant to law, including the collection of real estate taxes and the liening of properties. In addition to the tax collector's annual salary, certain costs associated with the production of copies of tax bills and like expenses shall be established from time to time by resolution."
2. The language in paragraph "2" is deleted in its entirety.

SO ORDAINED this 5th day of February, 2013. Effective upon adoption.



Antonio Isabella, Council President

ATTEST: 
Mary Aversa, Secretary

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

**A RESOLUTION REVISING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR FOR CERTIFYING PAID AND
OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough did adopt Ordinance number 999 on February 21, 2006, authorizing the tax collector to charge a fee for providing certification upon request of taxes paid or outstanding on a particular parcel, known commonly as "tax certs", and

WHEREAS, such ordinance authorized Council to subsequently modify the rates charged by resolution of Council, and

WHEREAS, Council now desires to modify the fee authorized to be charged for such tax certifications, thus modifying the fees authorized by Ordinance 999 and as previously resolved in Resolution 2009-3,

NOW THEREFORE, Council does RESOLVE as follows:

The tax collector is authorized to charge fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for a current tax year certification and an additional five dollars (\$5.00) for each prior year tax certification. Further, for any duplicate tax bill, the tax collector is authorized to collect a fee of \$5.00.

SO RESOLVED this 19th day of March, 2013.


Antonio Isabella, Council President

ATTEST: 
Mary Aversa, Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Bud Wahl, Mayor

Public Comment Procedure:

As a reminder, it will not be the practice of Council to answer questions and/or engage in dialogue with the speaker during the Public Comments section of the meeting. Comments regarding any and all employee issues will not be entertained. Council may address items or questions raised at the next scheduled Committee/Council meeting, but reserves the right to determine agenda items. Council requests that those in attendance refrain from engaging the speaker during public comments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ambler Borough Council