



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2019

7:00 p.m.

REMINDER- The Council meeting will be held on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. Zaccone (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

1. **FIREWORKS UPDATE**

The Police Department and Code Enforcement Dept. would like to remind residents that fireworks are not permitted to be discharged in the Borough. If you see illegal use of fireworks please contact the Borough Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

The Code Enforcement and the Public Works reports are **attached**.

2. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd (2 – 7 p.m.) in the Borough Hall Gym. An appointment to give may be made by going online to www.redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor keyword ‘ambler’ or by calling 1-800-Red-Cross.

3. **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Consider advertising for adoption a proposed Ordinance amending Borough codified ordinances on Disorderly Conduct. **(attached)**

4. **RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND ORDINANCE 748**

Consider adoption of a Resolution suspending enforcement of Ordinance 748 for persons attending the Arts & Music Festival events and the Oktoberfest Festival events. **(attached)**

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for April 2019

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	5	9	16	16									46
Dumpster	1	2	2	1									6
Fire	0	1	0	0									1
Mechanical	2	5	4	2									13
Plumbing	3	5	3	4									15
Road Opening	2	2	5	0									9
Use and Occupancy	0	0	3	1									4
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0									0
Zoning	3	1	2	3									9
Rental Inspections	9	12	0	180**									201
TOTALS	25	37	35	207									304

** First batch of inspection notices for the 2019 rental inspection program were sent out in March; the April rental inspection total also includes two large apartment complexes in the Borough ***

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AMENDING ORDINANCE 6-301 OF THE BOROUGH
CODIFIED ORDINANCES, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, BY ADDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS OF
DISORDERLY CONDUCT; CLARIFYING THE GRADING OF THE OFFENSE AS A SUMMARY OFFENSE WITH
A MAXIMUM 90 DAY PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ANY FINE IMPOSED; LEAVING THE REMAINDER
OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE
PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH CODE**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Ambler Borough Council to amend its ordinance prohibiting disorderly conduct by having the definitions of such conduct align with the definitions provided in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code for such conduct,

NOW THEREFORE, ordinance 6-301 is modified by the addition of new paragraphs "1C" and "1D" which provide as follows:

- 1.C. "Use obscene language or make an obscene gesture".
- 1.D. "Create a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose of the actor."

Section 6-302 is amended as follows:

The existing language is removed in its entirety. In its place, the following language shall be inserted:

"Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall 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 90 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."

The remainder of the ordinance remains in full force and effect, unaffected by the addition of the within language. Effective upon adoption the earliest effective date provided for in the Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Frank R. DeRuosi, Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Board Secretary

BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-_____

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 748
FOR PERSONS ATTENDING AMBLER BOROUGH'S

ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENTS
ON JUNE 14 AND 15, 2019

AND FOR PERSONS ATTENDING
OKTOBERFEST FESTIVAL EVENTS
ON OCTOBER 5 (OR 6 - RAIN DATE), 2019

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 748, Codified in the Borough Ordinances at §6-101, prohibiting the carrying of alcoholic beverages in open containers, will not be enforced on June 14 and 15, 2019 against any attendee of Ambler Borough's Arts & Music Festival events or on October 5, 2019 or October 6, 2019 (rain date) against any attendee of Ambler Borough's Oktoberfest Festival events. During the festival, vendors and merchants will sell alcoholic beverages which may be carried and consumed by attendees within the visible boundaries of the event. Ordinance 748 will remain in force in the remainder of the Borough on those dates. All other laws relating to public conduct, including public intoxication and underage drinking, will remain in full force and effect, including throughout the festival events.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mrs. Siskind (Chair)

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Tomlinson

Mr. Pasceri

OLD BUSINESS

1. **WATER AUTHORITY**

The Borough Solicitor is working on the process of forming a Water Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **GREEN BUILDING INCENTIVES**

Ambler's Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended green improvement options language for installing pervious pavement. **(attached)**

2. **WIRELESS FACILITIES REGULATION**

The planning commission is preparing language to amend our wireless ordinance and fee schedule to comply with the FCC order as well as develop design requirements for wireless facilities in the rights-of-way to prevent aesthetically obtrusive facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is **attached**.

2. **SWAGIT WEBSITE VIDEOS**

Staff has obtained a quote from our website video provider to enable the Borough to display Planning Commission Meetings plus an additional 13 Special Meetings per year on the Borough website. The annual cost for this service would increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000. **(attached)**

3. **AMBLER BOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Committee will consider creation of a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) or Historical Commission.

4. **FARMERS MARKET –SEPTA LEASE**

Attached is the License Agreement for the Main Street Farmers Market. A recommendation is requested to approve and authorize.

5. **AMBLER BIKE RACE**

Jason Mangler would like to speak to Borough Council about the possibility of another Ambler Criterium Bike Race in 2020.

Borough Of Ambler

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Memorandum

To: Ambler Borough Council
From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer
Date: May 2, 2019
Re: Planning Commission Green Building Incentives Option 3

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review and recommend language to incentivize green improvement options for installing pervious pavement. Council has shown interest in further discussion regarding the third option outlined in the February 28, 2019 Planning Commission Correspondence.

As you may already know each Zoning District in the Borough outlines the total amount of building coverage and impervious surface a parcel can have (see attached list). Presently all pervious surfaces such as porous driveways or porous patios are considered impervious surface because of the lifespan / maintenance and count toward these outlined percentages even though they are not made of 100% impervious materials. The Planning Commission suggested as an incentive to encourage porous materials to allow for an increase in the total impervious percentage if a property owner were to replace a driveway or patio to make it larger using porous materials.

If this is something the Borough would like to explore the following items would need to be further examined:

- Define what porous surface would be eligible for this added % credit (based upon percolation rate and / or manufacturer specs)
- Require property owners to sign operations and maintenance agreements which would stay with the property to ensure it is maintained properly similar to the rain garden growing greener agreement and / or deed restrictions. (also, what would the inspection process be annually due to change in property owners and liability etc.)
- Come up with percentage increase per Zoning District
- Another item brought up during the discussion was if this is a step forward or backward which would incentivize porous surfaces but also encourage bigger project with larger footprints

The Borough Planning Commission can work with the Montgomery County Planner to come up with sample language outlining the above if this is an incentive that Council would like to pursue further. The Montgomery County Planner also can work on providing sample Ordinance language from other Boroughs to assist with this language drafting.

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February 28, 2019

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager
Borough of Ambler
131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: Green Building Incentives

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review and recommend language to incentivize green improvement options for installing pervious pavement. The Planning Commission reviewed several ordinances provided by the County Planner and the Zoning Officer. After lengthy discussion and review the Planning Commission found the following possible incentives in order to assist in attracting interested property owners to promote sustainable building practices:

- Reduction in permit fees or permit fee rebates (Doylestown Borough has a point-based system for a reduction in permit fees – although typical driveway or sidewalk permits in Ambler range from \$54 to \$179 and a reduction may not be major deciding factor if the rebate or reduction is not a big difference)
- Density bonuses for building height, floor area ratio, lot areas, etc. (Philadelphia allows for additional units or stories based upon sustainable building practices for large scale developments – although Ambler does not have the land for projects that would be able to take advantage of these opportunities)
- Increasing impervious surface percentage numbers for pervious surfaces (If the maximum impervious for the specific property is for example 45% allow for an additional 5% if the owner is installing pervious surfaces)

The Planning Commission is aware of the importance of many issues involving green building. Therefore, if Council has another issue it would prefer the Commission begin evaluating, kindly advise. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca. Otherwise, we will await further direction from Council.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

AMBLER BOROUGH IMPERVIOUS REQUIREMENTS		
District	Building %	Total %
R-1 - Residential	30	45
R-1A - Residential	30	45
R-2 - Residential	40	60
R-3 - Residential	40	75
MR - Mixed Residential -single	30	45
MR - Mixed Residential - single attached (two)	40	65
MR - Mixed Residential - single attached (townhouses)	50	65
GA - Garden Apartments	25	40
C - Commercial	80	-
O - Office	60	80
I - Industrial	60	40
OC - Office Campus	50-55*	75-80*
IN - Industrial	20	60
OS - Open Space	5	-
RO - Redevelopment Overlay District	50-55*	80-85*
DC - Downtown Commercial	80	-
DC-2 - Downtown Commercial - 2	-	100
RSC - Retail and Service Commercial	80	80

*Additional 5% impervious permitted if certain conditions are met

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	Construction underway. Outstanding work includes: SEPTA connection to signal, signal activation, and 30-day test period. Awaiting schedule from SEPTA Re: design work to be completed.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	NOI for 2018 Individual MS4 Permit submitted 9/16/17. Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2018 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/28/18. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/19 for period 7/1/18 thru 6/30/19.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report approved by PADOT. Revised Traffic plans submitted to DVRPC 2/7/19.
2012-12032	Caddick-AMA-Land Development	Conditional Use was not granted. Approval of final LD not granted. Review of new CU submission (dated 6/30/17) provided 9/13/2017.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment- TIS	Lindenwold traffic counts obtained March 2018. Meeting with PennDOT, UDT, and Ambler to discuss potential signal at Lindenwold held 6/7/18.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park	E&S application submitted to MCCD 1/31/19. Joint Permit application submitted to PADEP on 2/21/19.
2017-01010-02	Ambler Traffic Signals	RRFB permit plans approved by PADOT. PW obtaining quotes for installation of pole foundations.
2017-09055	Bridge/Culvert Assessments	Load rating reports Hendricks/Rose Valley provided 7/31/18 & for N. Maple/Tannery Run provided 10/2/18. Condition assessment of Hendricks/Rose Valley underway. Condition assessment of N. Ridge/ Rose Valley to be completed. Visual assessment of Tannery Run underway.
2018-08087	171 Rosemary Ave - Zaccone Motors	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 3/19/19 Council meeting. Applicant notified by letter dated 3/22/19.
2018-10097	44 Tennis Ave - FEMA/PEMA HMGF Demolition	Work complete. Awaiting contract close out documents from contractor.
2018-11003	119 W. Butler Ave - Bank of America Drive-up ATM	Review of land development application provided 12/8/18.
2019-01010	2019 General Services	
2019-03029	Wissahickon Library Bldg Addition	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 4/16/19 Council meeting.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is under construction
2019-01050	2019 Ambler Borough General Sewer Service	On-going
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Ash Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection report submitted to DEP on 1/23/19.

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2017-03065	Prophecy Creek Bridge	Assisting Water Dept. with review of County's plans for bridge replacement project and impact on existing water main. Currently inactive.
2017-03128	Lafayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Project complete. 18 month maintenance period began 12/18/18.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 9/4/18.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water shop drawing submittals reviewed. Preconstruction meeting held on 4/9/19. Water construction anticipated to begin in June 2019.
2018-09046	Houston Road Tank – Sprint Modifications	Plan review comments issued 3/14/19; resubmission required.
2019-01049	2019 Ambler Borough General Water Service	Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Assisting staff with water quality compliance monitoring and reporting. Attended PA DEP Training with water staff regarding monitoring and reporting requirements associated with Disinfection Requirements Rule, which were effective April 29, 2019.
2019-01134	DRBC Docket Renewal	Docket renewal application submitted 3/1/19.
2019-01169	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Design activities underway.
2019-02012	Houston Road Tank/Verizon	Plan review letter issued 3/25/19 recommending acceptance of proposed work.
2019-02097	PWS Applications for Wells 4 and 8	Working with Water Superintendent to complete permitting for iron/manganese treatment.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Ms. Hertz (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **PLASTICS ORDINANCE**

The Committee would like to explore a possible Plastics Ordinance in the Borough. They will work with the local businesses and discuss options.

2. **EAC WORKSHOPS**

The Ambler Environmental Advisory Council would like to give every homeowner a rain barrel and assess your property's storm water needs to see if it qualifies for a reduced cost rain garden, downspout planter, or permeable conversion

NEW BUSINESS

1. **YMCA KNIGHT PARK SUMMER CAMP**

Camp registration is open. Parents may register at the Ambler YMCA starting May 2nd. Camp will run June 17th – July 26th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Camp fee is \$45 per week per child. Proof of Ambler Borough residency required.

2. **EAC – GRANT UPDATE**

The EAC will provide an update on the grant activities. Attached is a current report and grant detail.

3. **MOVIES IN THE PARKS**

Movies in the Parks schedule is as follows: “Lego Movie – The Last Part” on Friday, June 28 at Pickering Field and “Star Wars – The Last Jedi” on Friday, July 19 at Ricciardi Park. The Viewers’ Choice movie for Friday, August 23 at Knight Park will be selected at the June movie showing. All movies are free. Movies begin at dusk. In the event of rain movies will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall gym. **(attached)**

4. **PROCLAMATION – WISSAHICKON CLASS OF '89 DAY**

Consider passage of a Proclamation designating June 6, 2019 as Wissahickon Class of 1989 Day. Proclamation to be conferred at the May 22nd Council Meeting. **(attached)**

5. **PECO MUNICIPAL BUILDING LED AUDIT**

SmartWatt Energy, on behalf of PECO, has conducted a facilities LED audit at Borough Hall and the Borough Garage. Upgrade of 225 fixtures to LED's at Borough Hall by SmartWatt will save around \$217 per month off electric bills. PECO is contributing almost \$4,000 towards this proposal. The project will pay for itself in around 3 years. At the Borough Garage an estimated \$70 per month savings off electric bills can be realized. The project will pay for itself in 2 years and PECO will contribute over 30% (almost \$1,000) towards the cost of the project. Public Works intends to provide its own labor to 'swap out' fixtures at the Garage to realize additional cost savings. **(attached)**



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARKS

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BOROUGH OF AMBLER

This summer the Ambler Borough Parks & Recreation Committee will present **THREE** feature films **free for your entire family**. Please join us in the parks this summer!

2019 Summer Movie Schedule

Fri, June 28. . LEGO MOVIE – The Second Part . . . Pickering Field

Fri, July 19. . . STAR WARS – The Last Jedi - . . . Ricciardi Park

Fri, August 23 . . . ‘Viewers’ Choice’ . . . Knight Park –
movie will be voted on at the June
movie showing.

Free Movie Events!
Movies will begin at dusk.
Bring your own snacks!



Check out the Borough Website at www.boroughofambler.com for any changes in schedules. In the event of rain movies will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall Gymnasium, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler.

Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Committee will review Social Media Policy/Code of Conduct Policy and make a recommendation for adoption. **(attached)**

2. **WATER OPERATOR I POSITION**

The interviews for the vacant Water Operator position have been scheduled.

3. **EAC APPOINTMENT**

Consider appointment of Elizabeth Rosencrans to the Environmental Advisory Council. **(attached)**

APPROVED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday April 30, 2019 a Committee Meeting was held in attendance: Mr. DeRuosi, Mr. Pasceri, Mrs. Siskind, Ms. Di Pietro, Mrs. Deininger, Ms. McKenna Endicott, Chief Hoffman, Ms. Aversa and Mayor Sorg. Absent. Mr. Zaccone, Ms. Tomlinson and Ms. Hertz (phoned in for vote)

1. Authorization is requested to consider the hiring of John Najbrt to the vacant Highway Laborer position. (7-Aye)
2. Authorization is requested to approve the hiring of Brian Ly as a probationary patrol officer pending the successful completion of the civil service requirements. (7-Aye)

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