



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Mr. Zaccone (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Mrs. Siskind

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

2. **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 26th from 2-7 p.m. in the Borough Hall Gym. An appointment to give may be made at www.redcrossblood.org (keyword 'ambler') or by calling 1-800-Red Cross. Walk-ins welcome.

Borough of Ambler

Code Enforcement Report for October 2019

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	5	9	16	16	17	12	13	17	9	6			120
Dumpster	1	2	2	1	3	4	1	3	1	0			18
Fire	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			2
Mechanical	2	5	4	2	6	1	0	4	1	5			30
Plumbing	3	5	3	4	8	1	5	6	2	3			40
Road Opening	2	2	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	2			15
Use and Occupancy	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	4			11
Vendor Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Zoning	3	1	2	3	6	7	3	5	4	4			38
Rental Inspections	9	12	0	180	14	14	29	37	77	8			380
TOTALS	25	37	35	207	57	41	52	74	94	32			654

** 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 ***

Public Utilities Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Mrs. Siskind (Chair)

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Tomlinson

Mr. Pasceri

OLD BUSINESS

1. **WATER AUTHORITY ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS**

The Committee is receiving nominations of individuals for appointment to the Ambler Water Authority Board of Directors. The Solicitor has prepared a proposed Ordinance to organize a municipal water authority under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act. Council will consider advertisement for public meetings and for adoption of the Ordinance once Council has appointed applicants to the nine-member Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

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

2. **DIGESTER CONVERSION**

The WWTP Engineer is proceeding with the design to convert the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air).

- a. The blowers were purchased in 2018 and are ready for delivery.
- b. Public bids for building concrete pads and placing the blowers on the pads will be opened Monday, November 4, 2019; Award is requested at the Committee meeting on November 6, 2019 so the blowers can be delivered in December 2019. A letter recommending Award will be provided. This project is budgeted in WWTP account number 09447771.
- c. Authorization is requested to purchase from CoStars the diffusers that will be installed in the digesters for the price of \$79,662.00 from Kappe Associates, Inc. This project is budgeted in WWTP account number 09447771.
- d. Authorization is requested to advertise public bids for the electrical installation of the blowers in November 2019 for Award in December 2019.
- e. Authorization is requested to advertise public bids for a general contractor to remove the existing digester covers and install the aeration piping.

3. **WWTP PAVING**

Apcon was the low bid for the paving work we budgeted \$30,000. The quote came in at \$24,250.00 and includes sealing around tanks. Work is scheduled to begin this week.



October 31, 2019

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

Re: Status Report – October 2019

Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

- 1.) Wissahickon Creek TMDL – The draft Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) was submitted to EPA on September 30, 2019. The WQIP discusses why pursuing ultra-low phosphorus discharges from WWTPs is not envisioned as a near-term action. EPA is reviewing the draft WQIP.
- 2.) NPDES Permit – Pretreatment Program – EEMA is working with WWTP personnel to schedule extensive sampling throughout the collection system to prepare updated local limits for industrial dischargers to the WWTP.
- 3.) Conversion of Digesters – EEMA is proceeding with the design to convert the digesters from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air).
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- 4.) Diversion of Upper Dublin WWTP to Ambler WWTP – EEMA is finishing an evaluation of the required modifications to the WWTP that will be needed to accept the flow from the Upper Dublin WWTP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Environmental Engineering &
Management Associates, Inc.

William A. Brown II, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Finance & Planning Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Ms. Tomlinson (Chair)

Ms. Di Pietro

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. **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.

2. The **attached** estimate is for the parking meter upgrades that were approved by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

2. **BUDGET**

The 2020 Budget is being prepared; public meetings will be scheduled for November 19, at 6:00PM, November 21, at 10:00AM and December 3, at 6:00PM.

3. **2020 MEETING CALENDAR**

Attached is the 2020 Draft meeting calendar for review.

4. **BOROUGH FEE SCHEDULE**

The committee will discuss the current fees for parking violations. **attached**

AMBLER BOROUGH

Status

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. PennDOT to contract for design changes to SEPTA controller. SEPTA to implement modifications. Anticipate 6 to 8 months until completed. Amended Reimbursement agreement signed by Ambler. Amendment to be finalized by PennDOT.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2019 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/26/19. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/20 for period 7/1/19 thru 6/30/20.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report approved by PADOT. Traffic Unit comments addressed, awaiting approval notice. DVRPC to forward plans to ADA unit for review.
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	Ambler provided signal warrant analysis to UDT for inclusion with Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) submission to PADOT. UDT has commitment from Mattison Estates developer to fully fund the signal. UDT to submit Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) to PADOT.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park	E&S application approved (adequacy) by MCCD 4/9/19. Stream Encroachment Permit approved by PADEP on 5/20/19.
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. Maintenance bond dated 4/23/19. End of maintenance period 10/21/20.
2019-01010	2019 General Services	
2019-03029	Wissahickon Library Bldg Addition	Conditional preliminary/final approval granted at 4/16/19 Council meeting. Applicant notified by letter dated 5/8/19.
2019-05082	Ambler Borough 2019 Road Paving	Construction underway. Paving anticipated to be completed week of 11/4.
2019-05082-02	Cavaller Lot Paving	Mill and overlay completed week of 10/21. Minor punch list items to be addressed.
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		

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Aish Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection report submitted to DEP on 1/23/19.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water Main is tested/complete
2013-02073	Loch Aish EAP	Attended DEP/PEMA CEMPlanner workshop on 8/1/19. Preparing electronic EAP documents for upload to CEMPlanner website.
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 construction beginning Sept/Oct 2019, providing observation and oversight.
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. Completed Feasibility Evaluat on for addition of treatment at wells for removal of PFAS and provided recommendations and cost estimates. Coordinating updates to 5-year capital plan with Water Superintendent. Compiled September 2019 PFAS source and tank sampling results and prepared table for comparison with previous results. Assisted Water Superintendent in correspondence for use in identifying additional sites for lead and copper sampling.
2019-01134	DRBC Docket Renewal	Docket issued by DRBC on 9/11/19.
2019-01169	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Field survey and preparation of existing conditions plan completed. Engineering design and layout for the proposed water mains underway.
2019-02097	PWS Applications for Wells 4 and 8	Working with Water Superintendent to complete permitting for iron/manganese treatment.
2019-05007	Broad Axe Tank/Sprint L2L Fiber (01-270-296)	Plans dated 1/31/19 received and under review.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Ms. Hertz (Chair)

Mrs. Deininger

Ms. McKenna Endicott

OLD BUSINESS

1. PLASTICS ORDINANCE

The Committee would like to explore enacting a possible Plastics Ordinance in the Borough. They have prepared a survey for 'Survey Monkey' to obtain feedback from Borough residents and businesses. The Survey was mentioned in Hometown News and will run through November 15. Please see the link to the Plastics reduction survey on the Borough website: <http://boroughofambler.com/borough-plastic-reduction-survey/>

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. ELECTRONICS & CLOTHING RECYCLING

Montgomery County has partnered with **Curb My Clutter**, a convenience service that picks up electronics and clothing right at a resident's doorstep. Residents can text "pickup" to 610-TEXT-CMC or may call directly to schedule. Convenience fees on TVs (\$35-\$100), CRTs (\$35) and Microwaves (\$10) will apply. Residents can earn rewards from **Curb My Clutter** for participating in the program. **attached**

2. PICKERING FIELD

A group of residents would like to discuss several issues and requests for Pickering Field. **attached**

3. FROSTBITE 5 MILER

We received notification for 2020 Frostbite 5 Miler to be held on Feb 22, 2020. They intend to send a letter to neighbors that are on the course so that they are aware of the race.

4. RESOLUTION - OPEN SPACE PLAN

Borough Council had the 2006 Open Space plan updated by including land that has been recently acquired. **Enclosed**

Send a Text. Save the Planet.

Recycle used clothing and electronics with a simple text

Montgomery County has partnered with Curb My Clutter, a convenient service that picks up clothing and electronics right at your doorstep.

The service is free for all clothing and most electronics. See curbmyclutter.com/montcopa for current convenience fees on TVs, CRT monitors, and microwaves.

Text "pickup" to **610-TEXT-CMC**



Clothing



Electronics

Earn Rewards while you Recycle

In addition to preserving natural resources, you can earn valuable rewards (typically \$10 Amazon giftcard) by sending us pictures of like new clothing items, jeans, shoes, handbags and all your electronics.

www.curbmyclutter.com/montcopa



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When texting with Curb My Clutter your service provider rates and terms may apply.

Visit curbmyclutter.com to review our privacy policy



Send a text. Save the planet.

What items do you accept?

Visit www.curbmyclutter.com/montcopa for a full list of accepted items.

What happens to my stuff after the driver takes it?

We believe in Reuse > Renew > Recycle, in that order. If we can give your item a second life as-is, that's the best case. If it needs some mending first, we find a partner who can give it the TLC it needs. And if a second life isn't possible, it gets recycled: clothing is shredded and repurposed as insulation, seat cushions, or rags; electronics are disassembled and sold for parts or shredded and sold as scrap.

Is the pickup really free?

Yes, most pickups are completely free. Curb My Clutter will only charge a convenience fee for items that are particularly hard to collect. These include:

- \$10 for each microwave
- \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs and monitors that use a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT)
- \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more, such as those with wooden cabinets or rear-projection TVs

Where should I leave my items?

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.

What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask CMC to ring your bell when they arrive.

Can I get a tax write off for items collected?

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

If you have access to a local donation center prefer to donate some or all of your items, we respect that choice. Donation keeps your items out of the landfill, which makes us happy.

What photos do you want me to take to earn my reward?

If you share at least one photo (of anything other than a TV or microwave), then you are eligible for a reward once your pickup is collected. Ideally, we'd like photos of all electronics, any like-new items, and all jeans, shoes, or handbags to be collected.

How it Works



TEXT "pickup" to 610-TEXT-CMC (610-839-8262)



SNAP photos of your items



PICK an appointment time that works for you



BAG/BOX your used electronics and clothing



LEAVE them outside for pickup



EARN rewards



FEEL GOOD about giving your items a second life





Do you have old clothes you don't wear taking up space in your closet? Or old phones in your drawers, or printers and DVD players in the basement?

Your neighbors have discovered the joy of decluttering their homes by recycling these items: over 50 tons of clothing and electronics so far. Now Montgomery County residents can, too!

Thanks to Montgomery County's partnership with Curb My Clutter, you can recycle your clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. This service is FREE* to Montgomery County residents. **Simply text the word PICKUP to 610-TEXT-CMC (610-839-8262)**, and Curb My Clutter will schedule an appointment to send a truck to your home. Bag up your items and leave them on your porch; or, leave them inside your door and tell CMC to ring your bell when they arrive.

**Convenience fees apply for certain items: \$10 for each microwave, \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs, and \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more.*

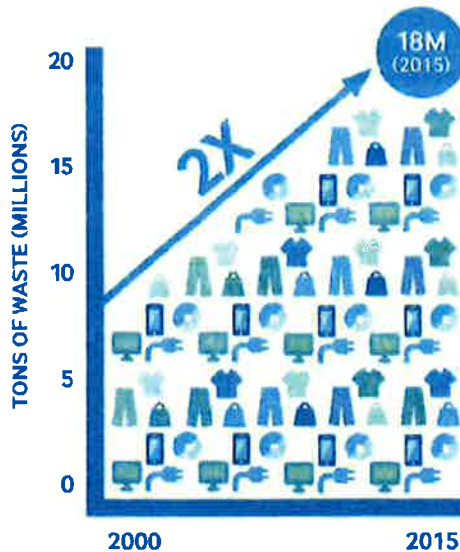
EARN REWARDS JUST IN TIME FOR BACK TO SCHOOL. Have your kids grown out of last year's clothes? **DON'T THROW THEM OUT.** Nearly all of your clothing is recyclable; send a text to CMC and let them pick it up. It's easier than taking out the trash. Plus, for a limited time, if you snap a photo of your items while scheduling your appointment, you'll earn a \$10 Amazon gift card as a reward.

Why clothing and electronics?

US cities collectively spend **half a billion dollars** every year to send clothes and electronics to landfill. It's a huge problem, and it's been getting worse; Americans trashed **twice as many** clothes and electronics in 2015 as we did in 2000. The **good news**: these items are almost entirely recyclable. Even better news: the more you recycle, the less our community pays in landfill fees.

Why is Montgomery County introducing this recycling program now?

Typically, on recycling day, a truck will run past every house on every block on their route. That works for paper, bottles, and cans: you use them every day and will always have something to recycle. On the other hand, you may only tackle the task of cleaning out your closet or basement a few times each year. It isn't cost-effective for a recycling company to run a truck past every home on the recycling route for clothing and electronics.



That's where Curb My Clutter's innovative program comes in. When you raise your hand by texting CMC, then on recycling day the driver only needs to visit the homes that raised their hands as ready to recycle. CMC's solution means that your recyclables are collected so efficiently, we can offer this program to residents for free. And that's what people mean by "Circular Economy": when companies have an economic incentive to do the right (i.e., sustainable) thing, everybody wins.

FAQ

When does the program go into effect?

Right now! Simply text the word PICKUP to 610-TEXT-CMC (610-839-8262) and follow the guided scheduler to set a date.

What if I can't send text messages?

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

Borough Of Ambler

131 ROSEMARY AVENUE
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

PHONE 215-646-1000
FAX 215-641-1355 ADMINISTRATION
FAX 215-641-1921 WATER DEPARTMENT
WEBSITE: www.boroughofambler.com



Memorandum

To: Ambler Borough Council
From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer
Date: November 1, 2019
Re: Open Space Plan Update 2019

At the direction of Council, in 2018, the Planning Commission had been requested to update the 2006 Open Space Plan to incorporate recently acquired parcels Edgewood Preserve, Wahl Park, Ambler Square, and 44 Tennis Avenue. Overall, the 2019 Open Space Plan Update builds on the 2006 Open Space plan and presents more recent statistics, information, and photos. It is not intended to replace the 2006 Open Space Plan. It has been updated to show new land acquisitions, land use changes, population and demographic shifts, and new goals / implementation strategies for these new parcels. The plan also continues to emphasize the importance of stormwater management and references the 2014 Temple Study regarding Flooding and Stormwater Management.

The 2019 Ambler Borough Open Space Plan Update is intended to serve as a major tool to guide the future direction of current and prospective open space considerations in the Borough. This Update details the unique physical and cultural features of Ambler Borough while assessing growth trends in the area. An inventory of Ambler's existing parks and open space areas is included in this update, along with a framework for future management of these amenities.

Currently, there are nine parks and open space areas under Borough ownership, totaling 23.5 acres. Implementation strategies are included to guide the future of these resources and provide a framework for future preservation and land acquisition. Overall, the 2018 Ambler Borough Open Space Plan Update will serve to guide the future of parks, natural features, historic resources, and open space in the Borough. Through careful planning and collaboration, Ambler Borough will continue to be a great place to live, work, and play.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

RESOLUTION 2019-11

A RESOLUTION OF AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE BOROUGH OPEN SPACE PLAN

WHEREAS, the maintenance of existing open space and the pursuit of future open space are important goals that help to assure continued clean water and air in addition to placing limits upon urban sprawl, thus contributing to a higher quality of life, and

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough has previously adopted a comprehensive open space plan in 2006, and on review thirteen years later, it is still a solid and well-conceived plan for, and summary of, open space accomplishments and future needs, and

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to supplement the 2006 Open Space plan by including land that has been acquired since that time, which also presents an opportunity to reaffirm priorities for future Open Space acquisition, and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the draft of the August, 2019 Open Space Plan Update, and finding it to be an accurate and thorough update of the Borough's 2006 Open Space plan,

NOW THEREFORE, the August, 2019 Borough of Ambler Open Space Plan Update is hereby adopted by Ambler Borough Council as an update to and supplement of the 2006 Open Space Plan. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be attached to the plan.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of November, 2019.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

Salary & Personnel Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Mrs. Deininger (Chair)

Mr. Pasceri

Mr. Zaccone

Ms. Di Pietro

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Several volunteer committee positions expire at the end of the year. Current appointees have been asked whether they will seek re-appointment. Appointments will be made by Council at the January Meeting for Committees with expiring terms which include: Environmental Advisory Council (2 seats – 3 year term); Human Relations Commission (5 seats, 1 alternate seat – 3 year term); Planning Commission (3 seats – 4 year term); Vacancy Board (1 seat – 1 year term); and Zoning Hearing Board (1 seat plus 1 alternate seat – 3 year term). Interested candidates for appointment by Borough Council are asked to send a letter of interest & resume to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us or by mail to Borough Manager.

2. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

One seat for a 6-year term on the Civil Service Commission will expire at the end of the year. One Alternate Seat also remains vacant. The Commission Bylaws require the Commission to meet the first Monday in January in even-numbered years (January 6, 2020). Therefore, appointment to the CSC must be made in December so that the Commission is fully seated for their January meeting. Interested candidates for appointment to the CSC are asked to send a letter of interest & resume to the Borough Manager by December 6th so that Council may appoint a Commissioner and Alternate at their December Council Meeting.

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