



**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 6, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

ZOOM Meeting –Rules & Protocol

Borough Council will conduct its Committee Meeting via Internet vehicle 'ZOOM'. For the safety of Ambler residents, Borough Hall will be closed. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email. A video of the virtual meeting will be posted on this website for the public the following day. The Borough Manager is making the meeting Agenda available for review by the public. Please feel free to read through the Agenda and provide feedback or make an inquiry on any Agenda items. You may email the Borough Council President Frank DeRuosi at fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us until 4:00PM on the meeting day so that Council may consider your comments or address a question from the public during the ZOOM Meeting.

MEETING PROCEDURES

- 1. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email.**
- 2. All participants, except for the Borough Council, Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, Borough Police Chief, and invited Borough Staff will be muted with video camera/web camera turned off automatically upon entry to the virtual meeting.**
- 3. There will be a Public Comment section regarding agenda items at the end of each Committee's report. A Public Comment period regarding non-agenda items will occur after voting.**
- 4. The Public Comment section will begin with the Council President reading aloud the comments that were emailed to the Borough ahead of this meeting. Each emailed comment must include the first & last name of the resident, as well as their address. The Council will discuss each comment individually.**
- 5. Participants who wish to speak during the Public Comment section will be instructed to press the "Raise Your Hand" button. Public comment is limited to three minutes per individual per agenda item and five minutes when an individual represents a group.**
- 6. One by one the Borough Zoom administrator, will call on each participant with their virtual hand raised. That participant will be unmuted. That participant will have 15 seconds to respond to being called on. If there is no response, the next person "in line" will be called on.**
- 7. It is asked that anyone who speaks during the Public Comment section announce their first and last names, as well as their home address for the record. After the comment, that participant will be muted.**
- 8. The Council President, at any time reserves the right to mute a participant, end the video stream of a participant, or terminate/end the meeting at his discretion, due to hackers, inappropriate language, or any other activity the Council President deems inappropriate.**
- 9. We ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times and work through the unique challenges of virtual public meetings.**

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Erin McKenna Endicott - Chair

Glynnis Siskind

Sara Hertz

Nancy Deininger

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & CODE REPORT**

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

2. **EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR APRIL**

A recommendation is requested this evening to adopt the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of April. (**attached**)

3. **COVID VACCINE CLINIC**

The Borough has worked with Darchei Noam-PA and the Wellness Pharmacy to set up a vaccination clinic at Borough Hall.

Borough of Ambler Code Enforcement Report for March 2021

PERMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Building	13	16	21										50
Dumpster	3	0	6										9
Fire	0	0	1										1
Mechanical	3	1	5										9
Plumbing	6	1	6										13
Road Opening	1	1	1										5
Use and Occupancy	0	2	2										4
Vendor Sales	0	0	0										0
Zoning	5	1	5										11
Rental Inspections	0	0	0										0
TOTALS	31	22	47										100

** The Borough Bi-Annual Rental Inspection Program was temporarily paused in early March 2020 due to COVID-19

**BOROUGH OF AMBLER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**, a viral pandemic continues to cause or threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of Borough of Ambler, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has the ability to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Ambler Borough, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Ambler Borough may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Ambler Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Borough Council President and Mayor of Ambler Borough, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501) as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Ambler Borough.

FURTHER, we direct the Ambler Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, given that Ambler Borough is responsible for the maintenance of a potable water distribution system and a wastewater treatment plant which serve the people of Ambler Borough and surrounding townships, we direct and authorize Ambler Borough staff to coordinate and undertake all activities deemed necessary to provide these essential public utility services.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Ambler Borough to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public works as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This declaration shall take effect immediately upon adoption on this **6th day of April 2021**.

Frank DeRuosi, Ambler Borough Council President

Jeanne Sorg, Ambler Borough Mayor

Mary Aversa, Secretary

Public Utilities Committee

Tuesday April 6, 2021

Glynnis Siskind – Chair

Haley Welch

Jen Henderson

Karen Sheedy

OLD BUSINESS

1. **WATER AUTHORITY**

An application of the Borough of Ambler for approval of the abandonment of public water service to the public in Pennsylvania has been filed and a notice has been advertised.

Formal protests and petitions were received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WWTP ENGINEER REPORT**

The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.

2. **WHITEMARSH PIPING**

Quotes are being requested for the Phase II piping replacement job at Whitemarsh.

3. **WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING**

Water Dept. will conduct routine system hydrant flushing began the first week of April.

A flushing schedule will be posted on the Borough's website.

Finance & Planning Committee

Tuesday April 6, 2021
Nellie Di Pietro - Chair
Erin McKenna Endicott
Haley Welch
Karen Sheedy

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH STORM WATER ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance amending the area calculation that triggers storm water requirements has been advertised for adoption. A hearing is Scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm.

2. **MURAL ORDINANCE UPDATE**

An Ordinance to define mural language has been advertised for adoption. A hearing is Scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 7:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Borough Engineer's report is attached.

2. **INTERMUNICIPAL RESOLUTION 2021-3**

Attached is a Resolution for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Resolution to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the development of a Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed.

3. **PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTRACT**

The County Planning Assistance contract will be submitted to the County. The Planning Commission provided the **attached** input on future projects.

4. **RESALE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS**

Staff would like Council to consider a residential inspection program for resale properties.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NUMBER ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER REVISING THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 1108, CODIFIED AT SECTION 26-406.1) BY REDUCING THE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE THRESHOLDS FROM 1,000 SQUARE FEET TO 750 SQUARE FEET, LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST EFFECTIVE DATE PROVIDED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough Council adopted Ordinance 1108 on October 17, 2017, in order to establish updated stormwater management criteria in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 167 of 1978, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1108, which requires various stormwater controls in the event of land development and earth disturbances, exempts projects which involve proposed impervious surface of less than one thousand square feet, and also exempts projects which involve earth disturbances of less than one thousand square feet, and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of Borough Council that stormwater runoff remains a significant problem in the Borough, and that accordingly, ongoing efforts should be made to control stormwater to the maximum extent possible without posing unreasonable hardship upon property owners, and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that an additional limit upon the projects exempted from compliance with the stormwater ordinance will be another positive step towards stormwater control and therefore is consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the Borough,

NOW THEREFORE, Ambler Borough Council does ORDAIN as follows:

1. Table 26-406.1 (Impervious Surface Exemption Thresholds) is modified as follows: In column 3, the column header "0 to 1,000 square feet" is amended to read, "0 to 750 square feet" and the column header ">1,000 to 5,000 square feet" shall be amended to read ">750 to 5,000 square feet."

Any other provision in the stormwater ordinance or any other ordinance of the Borough that is inconsistent with these modified exemption thresholds shall be considered repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any portion of this ordinance, such invalid portion shall to the extent reasonably possible be severed from the remainder, such remainder to be in full force and effect.

This ordinance is effective on the earliest approval date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Frank R. DeRuosi, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTIONS 27-2003, 27-2004, AND A NEW SECTION 27-2011 TO DEFINE MURALS, DIFFERENTIATE THEM FROM SIGNS, AND ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR MURALS; LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND REPEALER; EFFECTIVE ON THE EARLIEST APPLICABLE DATE SET FORTH IN THE BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, it is the determination of Ambler Borough Council that the existing sign ordinance does not sufficiently address murals, and that it is in the best interests of the citizenry, and consistent with the Borough residents' health, safety and welfare, to establish criteria for murals while recognizing and preserving every person's right to free speech and expression,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDAINED as follows:

1. Chapter 27, part 20, Signs, at 27-2003 of the Borough codified ordinances, "Definitions", is modified as follows:
The definition of "Mural" is stricken and replaced with the following.
MURAL: Artwork applied to the wall of a building, the primary purpose of which is the expression of non-commercial speech. Artwork that does not have the expression of non-commercial speech as its primary purpose is a sign and may not be painted or applied to the wall of a building.
2. Chapter 27, part 20, signs, at 27-2004, "Prohibited Signs" is amended as follows:
27-2004(F), the existing language, "Signs painted on any wall surface, excluding murals" is stricken and replaced with the following: "Signs painted on any wall surface".
3. Chapter 27, part 20, is amended by the addition of a new section, 27-2011, the text of which is as follows:

27-2011 MURALS

1. Whether the primary purpose of artwork painted on a building is commercial or non-commercial is a fact-based inquiry and the initial determination is to be made by the Borough zoning officer. The determination to be made is whether the expression depicted in the artwork is primarily intended to advance the economic interests of a business. Factors in making this determination include:
 - a. whether the wall is part of a business;
 - b. whether the artwork includes the name or advertising slogans of a business;
 - c. whether the artwork depicts specific elements of a transaction or business activity associated with a particular business or trade;
 - d. whether the artwork includes depictions of the owner or employees of a particular business;
 - e. if volunteered by the building owner or artist, the stated non-commercial expression sought to be expressed in the art work;

- f. Whether the artwork, in consideration of these and any other relevant factors, is intended to call attention to a business or commercial activity.
2. If the zoning officer determines the artwork to be a sign, then it shall be prohibited pursuant to 27-2004(F). If it is determined to be a mural, then it is subject only to the requirements set forth in this part. Specifically:
 - a. It may not be larger than the wall on which it is painted;
 - b. It may not cover doors or windows;
 - c. It may not contain electronic elements and may not be internally illuminated;
 - d. It may not include words or graphic depictions of violence or sexuality that would be considered obscene applying contemporary community standards;
 - e. It may not project into any public right of way;
 - f. It must be created using materials durable enough to last approximately as long as ordinary exterior paint applied to the same wall in a single, uniform color.
3. Persons intending to create a mural within the Borough may apply to the zoning officer free of charge for a determination that the artwork does not constitute a regulated sign. A mural that is painted without zoning officer approval is subject to removal if it is in violation of this ordinance.
4. The perceived cultural, artistic, historical, or societal significance of any depiction in any artwork is unrelated to a determination made by the zoning officer pursuant to this ordinance.
5. Determinations of the zoning officer are appealable to the Zoning Hearing Board in the same manner as other zoning determinations in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
6. Any prior ordinance that is inconsistent with this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. If any portion of this ordinance is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalid provision shall be severed from the remainder of the ordinance, which shall continue to be given full force and effect. This ordinance is effective on the earliest applicable date provided for in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Frank DeRuosi, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Mary Aversa, Council Secretary

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Borough Engineer		
2001-1010	TEA-21 - Ambler Streetscape 2002	SEPTA completed train preemption connection completed. Traffic signal was put into operation on 11/5. PUC acknowledged project completion. Contractor to complete curb ramp punch list items.
2003-0122-01	Ambler-2013 NPDES MS4 Permit	Awaiting PADEP review of TMDL Strategy & PRP. 2020 Annual Status Report submitted to PADEP 9/28/20. Next Annual Status Report due 9/30/21 for period 7/1/20 thru 6/30/21. Preparation of response for WQIP/PRP BMPs underway.
2006-08054	Pedestrian Sidewalk Upgrade Program	Revised Safety Report, ADA, Traffic and DM-3 (plans presentation) approved by PADOT. Utility clearance and lump sum justification to be revised and resubmitted. Constructability review comments received 3/1/21. Revisions underway.
2013-02020	Ambler Crossings	Construction underway. Escrow release for Phase 1 (Boiler House parking) provided 9/27/18. Escrow release #1 for Phase 2 provided 6/4/20.
2014-12015	St. Mary's Villa Residential Redevelopment - TIS	UDT submitted Traffic Signal Permit Application (TE-160) to PADOT on 8/28. PADOT has concurred a signal is warranted at Bethlehem/Lindenwold by way of 10/22 letter. UDT to prepare signal permit application and submit to PennDOT for review and approval.
2017-01010-01	Ambler Pocket Park - Ambler Square	Construction underway. Anticipate Spring 2021 completion. Application submitted to PECO Green Regions Program on 11/20/20.
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.
2019-05082	Ambler Borough 2019 Road Paving	Paving completed week of 11/4. Maintenance Bond dated 11/27/19. End of maintenance period 5/27/21.
2019-05082-02	Cavaler Lot Paving	Work completed 10/25/19. Maintenance Bond dated 12/19/19. End of maintenance period 6/18/21.
2020-07089	90 W. Butler Ave	Conditional approval granted by Council at 2/16/21 meeting. Review of revised plans and OPC underway.
2021-01010	2021 Ambler Borough General Services	DCEd Small Water and Sewer program grant for Edgewood Dr storm sewer awarded on 8/17/20. Borough awaiting grant agreement from DCEd. MontCo2040 (2021 Round) for community garden submitted 3/1/21.
2021-01136	241 N. Main (DeCastro)	Plan review on hold pending Borough receipt of application and fees.
2021-03028	Lakeview CU	Pre-application meeting held with developer on 3/5/2021.
2021-03069	34 E. Butler Minor SD (01-270-074)	Plan review underway.
Sewer Engineer		
2013-02020-01	Ambler Crossings - Sewer	Construction underway. Sanitary Sewer is complete; testing remains.
2021-01041	Chapter 94 Report	Annual sewer collection report submitted to EEMA on 3/18/21

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No.	Project Name	Status
Sewer Engineer		
2021-01050	Ambler Borough 2021 General Sewer Services	Ongoing
Water Engineer		
2012-10043	Loch Alsh Dam Annual Inspections	Annual inspection with PADEP conducted on 11/18/20. Report completed and transmitted to PADEP on 1/7/21.
2013-02020-02	Ambler Crossings - Water	Construction underway. Water main is tested/complete.
2013-02073	Loch Alsh Emergency Action Plan	Preparing 5-year update to Emergency Action Plan including a hydrologic & hydraulic analysis and inundation mapping revisions to meet regulatory requirements.
2017-03128	Latayette Ave. Water Main Replacement	Project complete. 18 month maintenance period began 12/18/18. Maintenance period punch list issued 6/1/20.
2018-01154	Gwynedd Walk (LGT)	Water main construction and testing complete; some service curb stops remain to be installed. 18 month maintenance complete. Escrow release #2 recommended 8/1/20.
2018-01171	Mattison Estates (UDT)	Water construction and testing complete. 18 month maintenance period began 7/1/20. Ongoing reviews of water service connections.
2019-01169-01	Butler Pike Water Main Replacement	Water main construction and testing complete. Water service re-connections in progress.
2020-03071	MIRIA Grant Application	Assisted Water Dept. with preparation of grant application documents, including budget cost estimate for proposed PFAS treatment piping project to connect Wells 6 and 7 to proposed Well 2 treatment system. Grant awarded by MIRIA end of December 2020. Design of piping from Wells 2 and 7 to treatment system to be located at Well 6 is underway. Additional work approved as part of grant includes evaluation of carbon at Whitmarsh for optimal PFAS removal and increased sampling of all sources and tanks from semi-annually to quarterly.
2020-03072	Whitemarsh Plant Operations	Assisting Water Dept. with recommendations and revisions to the Whitemarsh Plant SOPs. Prepared revised calculations with recommended settings to meet 1.0-Log Giardia Inactivation requirements. Prepared and submitted plan to DEP for review and approval of tracer test to be conducted at Whitemarsh to determine contact time and efficiency of chlorine detention facilities. Plan approved by DEP on 11/3/20. Tracer test completed 12/1/2020. Report of test results submitted to DEP on 3/18/21. Permit issued by DEP on 3/24/21.
2020-06158	Wells 2, 6, and 7 PFAS Treatment System	\$1,000,000 grant awarded by PADEP. Survey complete and engineering design underway. Pre-application meeting with DEP representatives held virtually on 3/9/21 to discuss permit requirements.
2020-08022	Well 8-Reserve Permitting & Treatment Evaluation	Cost estimate for addition of treatment for manganese and PFAS at Well 8 provided to Borough. Permit received from DEP on 10/20/20 placing Well 8 in Reserve status.
2020-08062	Houston Rd Tank-AT&T Upgrades	Plan review #1 letter issued 8/31/20.
2021-01040	Ambler Borough DRBC Annual Water Audit	Preparation of annual report underway.

GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

AMBLER BOROUGH

Project No. **Project Name**

Water Engineer

2021-01049 Ambler Borough 2021 General Water Services

Status

Ongoing assistance concerning PFAS issues, including regulatory activity, source monitoring, providing information and responses to the public. Preparing update to water distribution system map. Working with Water Supv. on monitoring and waiver requirements in 2021. Met with Ambler staff to review 5-year capital plan. Assisted Ambler attorneys and staff with responses to Discovery questions concerning formation of a Water Authority including providing corresponding documentation.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Resolution to Extend
The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Development of a Water Quality
Improvement Plan for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-_____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF THE 2021/2022 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MONTGOMERY AND PHILADELPHIA COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS TO COMPLETE A WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EPA PHOSPHORUS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR THE WISSAHICKON CREEK WATERSHED.

Municipalities:

Abington Township
Cheltenham Township
Lower Gwynedd Township
North Wales Borough
Springfield Township
Upper Gwynedd Township
Whitpain Township

Ambler Borough
Lansdale Borough
Montgomery Township
Philadelphia County
Upper Dublin Township
Whitemarsh Township

Abington Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
Ambler Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant
Upper Gwynedd Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
Upper Dublin Township Wastewater Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, Counties, Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, when not inconsistent with state or federal law, are authorized to oversee and regulate trade, commerce, and the use of public streets, ways and property within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (Act of July 12, 1972, P.L. 762, as amended, 53 P.S. §481, et seq.), permits Municipalities, Counties and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Counties and Municipalities, as well as the provisions of Pennsylvania's Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, provide for intergovernmental cooperation between and among municipalities in the exercise or performance of their respective governmental functions, powers and responsibilities and authorize joint agreements as may be deemed appropriate for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Wissahickon Creek has been designated as impaired under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, and has been assigned a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

per (40 CFR 130.2 and 130.70) and individual wasteload allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for nonpoint sources have been assigned; and

WHEREAS, The municipalities located in the Wissahickon Creek watershed are obligated under the PADEP's MS4/NPDES program to develop and implement a stormwater management plan, including a TMDL plan, which contains a strategy to meet the municipality's MS4 and TMDL obligations, and it is recognized that the municipal plans will have greater effectiveness if they are coordinated with and incorporated into the TMDL Alternative plan; and

WHEREAS, The EPA's New Long-Term Vision for the 303(d) Program allows for alternative approaches to the TMDL that incorporates adaptive management and are tailored to specific circumstances. Counties, Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Operators have determined that developing a TMDL Alternative Plan in order to satisfy the intent of the EPA-established and proposed TMDL pollutant reductions is a justified and necessary action; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Municipalities in Montgomery and Philadelphia County and Wastewater Treatment Operators recognize that watersheds cross municipal boundaries and coordinated planning effort is to the benefit of all participating Municipalities and Counties and that it is in the best interest of their residents to cooperate in the development of a TMDL Alternative, through participation in this collaborative effort.

WHEREAS, the Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators recognize that the coordination of services would enable each Municipality to minimize the costs of the administration and implementation of a TMDL Alternative Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The **Borough of Ambler** desires to continue participating in the collaborative partnership with other Wissahickon Creek permittees to advance the development of a TMDL Alternative. The **Borough of Ambler** hereby authorizes its appropriate officers to enter into a new Intergovernmental Agreement (see attached), which will begin on this date and expire either ninety (90) days after final approval of a TMDL Alternative or on December 31, 2022, if no such approval has been received by that date.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was adopted by the **Borough of Ambler** at its public meeting held on _____.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF AMBLER

Borough Manger

Council President

Borough Of Ambler

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March 23, 2021

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

Re: Planning Assistance Contract
Montgomery County Planning Commission

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to provide input on the Planning Assistance Contract between Ambler Borough and the Montgomery County Planning Commission for future planning areas of interest.

After discussion at our meeting held this date via ZOOM, several suggestions were made to present to Council.

1. Assistance in Developing a Plan for Each Borough Park and Recreational Space for its Optimum Use in Accordance with Public Comment Received at the Parks Workshops and Analyzing, Prioritizing and Implementing Affordable Recommendations;
2. Assistance in Creating an Ambler Parks App as a Resource for the Community for Increased Enjoyment of Each Park's Unique Location and Amenities;
3. Assistance with Implementing and Prioritizing Recommendations Contained in the RF100 Plan;
4. Assistance in Creating an Ordinance to require damaged sidewalk and curb replacement upon the sale of a property in order to maintain walkability in the Borough;
5. in Enhancing Storm Water Management and Developing Affordable Practices for Homeowners as a Beginning Step;
6. Assistance in Analyzing Ambler's Transportation Demand and Multi-Modal Needs Including Trail Connections;
7. Assistance in Maintaining the Borough's Knowledge of Other Municipalities' Efforts to Continually Enhance their Resources and Staying Current with Developing State and Local Issues to Allow the Borough to Better Serve the Community; and
8. Assistance in Identifying Grant Opportunities and Preparing the Applications for Future Projects.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Robert Lagreca.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday April 6, 2021

Sara Hertz – Chair

Nancy Deininger

Erin McKenna Endicott

Nellie DiPietro

OLD BUSINESS

1. **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Committee is moving forward with plans for creation of a Community Garden to be installed next spring. The next meeting is April 11, at 3:30 at Knight Park . (Attached) Questions can be emailed to Jen Henderson. Jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PARK CLEAN UP DAY**

The Committee discussed holding a parks clean-up day on Saturday May 8, from 10:00AM until Noon , activities include rain garden maintenance to ensure they are properly functioning.

2. **PARK USAGE AND ACTIVITIES**

The committee is discussing options to manage the competing demands for recreational space.

AMBLER GARDEN – Growing Together

Please consider attending our next on-site meeting on **Sun. April 11, 2021 @ 3:30pm!**
See flyer and map below for more details.

Thank you for your time,
The Ambler Garden Steering Committee

1021 Proposed Footprint



*www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice
nccommunitygardens.ces.ncsu.edu/nccommunitygardens-research
greenleafcommunities.org/the-many-benefits-of-community-gardens

AMBLER GARDEN – Growing Together

Hello neighbors, *we are building a community garden in Knights Park behind the shed!* Your voice counts in Ambler Borough, and a community garden has been requested many times, for many reasons. Please join our next meeting, and continue offering us feedback by emailing Councilperson Jenn Henderson, jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us, with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.

Borough Council has been publicly developing plans for a Community Garden in Ambler since summer, 2020. Public online garden meetings began last fall, and our first in-person meeting occurred in Knights Park on the first full day of spring. We were delighted with the turnout, and now that the weather is better, we're spreading the word even more!

Ambler Garden can:

- Bring us together - from different cultural backgrounds, ages, income levels, & abilities
- Encourage socially-distant outdoor gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Increase physical activity through garden maintenance activities
- Increase access to fresh foods
- Increase fruit and vegetable intake
- Improve dietary habits through education
- Improve mental health and promote relaxation
- Improve food security
- Improve water infiltration
- Improve air and soil quality
- Increase biodiversity of plants and animals
- Support environmental justice*

Public meeting attendees - including residents, staff, council members & EAC members -

chose Knights Park as the location because it provides:

- A storage shed and water source
- A southern-facing open field
- Parking on Main St.
- Opportunities to mitigate stormwater runoff near a flood plain
- An increased adult presence which can diminish police calls to the park

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greenleafcommunities.org/the-many-benefits-of-community-gardens

El jardín de Ambler - Sembrando juntos

Queridos vecinos, estamos construyendo un jardín comunitario en Knights Park detrás del cobertizo. Tu voz cuenta en la comunidad de Ambler y un jardín comunal ha sido solicitado tantas veces por muchas razones. Por favor únanse a nuestra próxima reunión y no dejen de contactarse vía e-mail con Jenn Henderson, jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us con sus preguntas, inquietudes y comentarios.

El consejo del municipio de Ambler ha estado trabajando en el desarrollo de un jardín comunal en Ambler desde el verano del 2020. Tuvimos varios encuentros online desde el otoño pasado y nuestro primer encuentro presencial fue el pasado día de la primavera en Knights Park. Estamos encantados con la convocatoria recibida y ahora que el clima nos acompaña estamos ampliando la invitación aún más!

El jardín comunal nos permite:

- Acercarnos como comunidad, desde diferentes entornos socio-culturales, distintas edades, habilidades, etc.
- Impulsar reuniones al aire libre respetando la distancia social durante esta pandemia
- Aumentar la actividad física a través de las actividades de mantenimiento del jardín
- Aumentar el acceso a vegetales orgánicos
- Aumentar el consumo de frutas y verduras
- Mejorar nuestros hábitos alimentarios a través de la educación y capacitación
- Mejorar la seguridad alimentaria
- Mejorar la irrigación de agua
- Mejorar la calidad del suelo y el aire
- Aumentar la biodiversidad de plantas y animales
- Apoyar la justicia ambiental*

Los participantes de las reuniones, incluyendo los residentes, personal y miembros del consejo han elegido **Knights Park** como sede de nuestro jardín porque nos provee de:

- Un lugar de almacenamiento y fuente de agua
- Un campo abierto con orientación al sur
- Estacionamiento en Main St.
- Oportunidades de mitigar el drenaje de agua proveniente de tormentas
- Un aumento de concurrencia adulta en el parque que contribuye a disminuir las llamadas a la policía local

*www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice
nccommunitygardens.ces.ncsu.edu/nccommunitygardens-research
greenleafcommunities.org/the-many-benefits-of-community-gardens

El jardín de Ambler - Sembrando juntos

Por favor consideren la invitación a concurrir a nuestro próximo encuentro este domingo 11 de abril de 2021, a las 3,30pm @ Knight Park en el sector de picnic.

Muchas gracias por su tiempo y atención,
El comité organizador del jardín comunal de Ambler

A colorful poster for the Ambler Community Garden Information Session. The background is blue with white clouds and a yellow sun. The text reads: "Ambler Community Garden", "INFORMATION SESSION:", "Sunday 4/11, 3:30 PM", "Knight Park picnic tables", "Registration suggested: bit.ly/AmblerGarden", "Questions?", and "jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us". The poster also features illustrations of two people wearing face masks, a basket of vegetables, and sunflowers behind a white picket fence.

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Salary & Personnel Committee

Tuesday April 6, 2021

Nancy Deininger – Chair

Glynnis Siskind

Nellie Di Pietro

Jen Henderson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WATER DEPARTMENT VACANCY**

An offer of employment is requested for the Assistant Supervisor position .

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee

A recommendation is requested this evening to adopt the **attached** Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of April.

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