



BOROUGH OF AMBLER

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**All matters that are deliberated could result in
a vote to take official action.**

November 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting 6:30PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00PM

Minutes for Consideration:
October 18, 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & PLANNING

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PARKS & RECREATION

SALARY & PERSONNEL

Finance & Planning Committee

Committee Members: Nellie Forst– Chair, Frank DeRuosi, Karen Sheedy, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent: Ms. Forst

The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the October **2022** bills be paid in the amount of \$1,068,524.58.

#	FUND	October 1st Run	October 2nd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	235,215.28	292,907.64	528,122.92
2	STREET LGTS	-	3,961.84	3,961.84
3	FIRE	-	179,397.17	179,397.17
4	REFUSE	48,295.61	6,997.81	55,293.42
5	PARKS & REC	1,507.27	2,508.76	4,016.03
6	WATER	65,266.13	65,018.78	130,284.91
8	SEWER	14,861.00	12,111.01	26,972.01
9	WWTP	69,290.51	62,190.54	131,481.05
35	LIQUID FUELS	1,040.13	332.60	1,372.73
30	WATER CAPITAL	-	7,622.50	7,622.50
	TOTALS	435,475.93	633,048.65	1,068,524.58
	VOID CHECKS *	-	-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	435,475.93	633,048.65	1,068,524.58

2. The proposed 2023 Public Meeting Calendar for Council's Committee and Council Meetings is **attached**. Consideration to approve calendar and authorize advertising is requested.
3. Consider advertisement of an Ordinance Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2023.

The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The 2023 Budget is being prepared. Public meetings to be held November 15, at 6:30 p.m., November 29 at 10:00 a.m. and December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
3. **Attached** is the Zoning Hearing Board notice for 24 N. Ridge Avenue.
4. A Resolution appropriating specific sums estimated per the 2023 Budget is being prepared.
5. A request was received from Mascaro to change the trash and recycle pickup day to Monday, a decision is requested from Council.

Recommendations

1. That the October **2022** bills be paid in the amount of 1,068,524.58.
2. Consideration to approve the 2023 calendar and authorize advertising is requested.
3. Consider advertisement of an Ordinance Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2023.
4. A request was received from Mascaro to change the pickup date to Monday, a decision is requested from Council



AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR 2023

Meetings to be held 1st & 3rd Tuesday (unless otherwise noted) at Ambler Borough Hall @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING – 1st Tuesday

January 3
February 7
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6
No July Committee Meeting
August 1
September 5
October 3
November 8 (held Wednesday due to General Election)
December 5

COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd Tuesday

January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 17 (held Wednesday due to Primary Election)
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19



ZONING HEARING NOTICE

Notice is Hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Ambler will conduct a public hearing on November 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm prevailing time at the Ambler Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pa 19002.

The Applicant, John's Court, LLC, the legal owners of real property located at 24 N. Ridge Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002, parcel 01-00-04153-00-4, located in the R-3 Residential Zoning District, are requesting a variance from Section 27-807.5.B(2) of the Ambler Borough Zoning Ordinance to permit an off-street parking area of six (6) spaces with no setback from East Race Street, where a setback of 25 feet from the ultimate right-of-way line is required.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. Any individual with a disability wishing to attend the above-scheduled hearing who requires an auxiliary aid, service or other special accommodations to participate in this hearing should contact the Borough at (215) 646-1000 as soon as possible to discuss how the Borough of Ambler can best provide assistance.

Public Safety Committee

Committee members: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nellie Forst, Erin McKenna Endicott, and Amy Hughes. Absent: Ms. Forst

The Committee will make no recommendations.

The following business was discussed:

1. The Police Department report is **attached**.
2. The Community Ambulance report is **attached**.
3. The Fire Department report will be provided.
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.

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Ambler Borough Statistics – 2022

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	66	493
February	50	450
March	43	465
April	56	456
May	53	482
June	58	507
July	59	484
August	48	477
September	51	484
October	57	516
<u>YTD Totals</u>	541	4,814

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Public Utilities Committee

Committee Members: Haley Welch-Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Amy Hughes, and Karen Sheedy. Absent: Ms. Forst

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation is requested to approve Resolution 2022-13 authorizing a contract with third party National Water Specialties Company (“NAWSC”) provider to administer a cross – connection control program for water customers. **(attached)**

The following business was discussed:

1. The WWTP Engineer’s report was provided.
2. Water Department has conducted October distribution system PFAS Testing. Water samples will be analyzed at the lab and reviewed by the Water Engineer. Results will be posted on the website once available

Approved at the Committee Meeting.

1. A recommendation was requested for the WWTP paving to award to Associated Paving for the low bid of \$33,750.00 (8-Aye)
2. Recommend advertising for adoption Ordinance 1129 setting the Water Rates for Borough Customers. (8-Aye)

Recommendation

1. A recommendation is requested to approve Resolution 2022-13 authorizing a contract with third party National Water Specialties Company (“NAWSC”) provider to administer a cross – connection control program for water customers.

AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER
FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE
AMBLER BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and regulatory agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania define a “cross-connection” as any point in the water supply system where non-potable, or non-drinkable, water can be introduced to potable or clean sources. All service lines connected to public water systems are therefore potential “cross-connections”; and

WHEREAS, Ambler Borough’s water distribution system is designed to ensure that water flows from the water main through a service line to the premises of its customers. Certain conditions—such as frozen pipes, a water main break, or even extreme and unexpected demand on the system—can cause water pressure to fail. When that happens, water from customer service lines can flow back into the distribution system, potentially contaminating the local public water supply, and thereby creating a hazardous situation which is commonly referred to as “backflow”; and

WHEREAS, to avoid such dangerous incidents, and as a matter of public safety, federal law and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require certain customers to install backflow prevention (“BFP”) assemblies on their water services and to test and maintain these assemblies periodically, and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Borough water department is responsible for adopting and implementing a Cross-Connection Control (“CCC”) Program to survey the water distribution system and communicate with commercial and fire service customers to determine the existence of cross-connection hazards and to enforce rules for the customers to install backflow prevention assemblies (“BFP”) and have those assemblies tested on a regular basis, the Borough will determine in 2025 if they choose to start including all residential and

WHEREAS, National Water Specialties Company (“NAWSC”) is knowledgeable about state and federal CCC Programs requiring installation, testing and maintenance of BFP assemblies and can provide the professional day-to-day administration, tracking and record-keeping functions of a properly established CCC Program, and

WHEREAS, the water company desires to enter into an agreement with NAWSC to obtain the professional services available from NAWSC for the administration of a CCC

Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, Ambler Borough Council hereby directs staff to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with NAWSC for the administration of a CCC and BFP program throughout the water company, and to execute such other documents as are required to initiate the CCC program.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: _____
Mary Aversa, Secretary

Park and Recreation Committee

Committee Members: Erin McKenna Endicott-Chair, Jen Henderson, Haley Welch, and Lisa Auerbach. Absent: Ms. Forst

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

The following business was discussed:

1. A presentation was made by the Montgomery County Planner outlining the key recommendations for the Borough Park System put together by the Borough Planning Commission from public input as part of the Parks System. **(attached)**
2. The EAC "year in review" presentation will be made this evening.
3. **Attached** is a potential design and costs for a dog park for consideration in the 2023 Budget.
4. **Attached** are details for a workout station to be considered at Locust Street Park.

The top priority recommendations are summarized below with preliminary cost estimates as relevant and available.

Recommendation	Cost
Reevaluate rules surrounding dogs in parks in light of survey responses that indicate support for leashed dog walking in most parks and a strong interest in the creation of a fenced (off-leash) dog park.	
Complete sidewalks Pickering Field. (Highland / North / Trinity)	\$100,000.00
Continue to work to control erosion and protect existing shade trees at Pickering Field. (Park Avenue sidewalks)	\$318,000.00
Improve stairs and fencing at Hendricks Street entrance to Borough Park.	
Perform streambank restoration and improve riparian buffers at Borough Park.	
Continue to improve trails and paths at Borough Park.	
Add seating where appropriate at Borough Park.	\$500 - \$1,000 per bench
Improve Tennis Avenue entrance to Borough Park (signage, path condition, landscaping).	
Add picnic tables at Ricciardi Park.	\$1,500 - \$2,000 each
Continue to work on traffic calming on Hendricks Street near Ricciardi Park. (DVRPC Grant submitted)	
Work with federal and state agencies to create a landscaping plan for 44 Tennis Avenue.	Covered by MCPC contract.

Other available preliminary cost estimates are listed below:

Item	Cost per item
Bench	\$500-\$1,000
Picnic table	\$1,500 - \$2,000
Bicycle parking	\$200 - \$800
Drinking fountain	\$800 - \$4,000 per fountain depending on location and water source
Trash or recycling receptacles	\$500 - \$1,000
Covered picnic pavilion	\$3,000 - \$30,000
Workout equipment for teens/adults	\$2,000 - \$30,000
Fenced, off-leash dog park	\$10,000 – \$30,000
Dog bag station	\$150 - \$500
Signage	\$300 - \$1,000

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 8, 2022

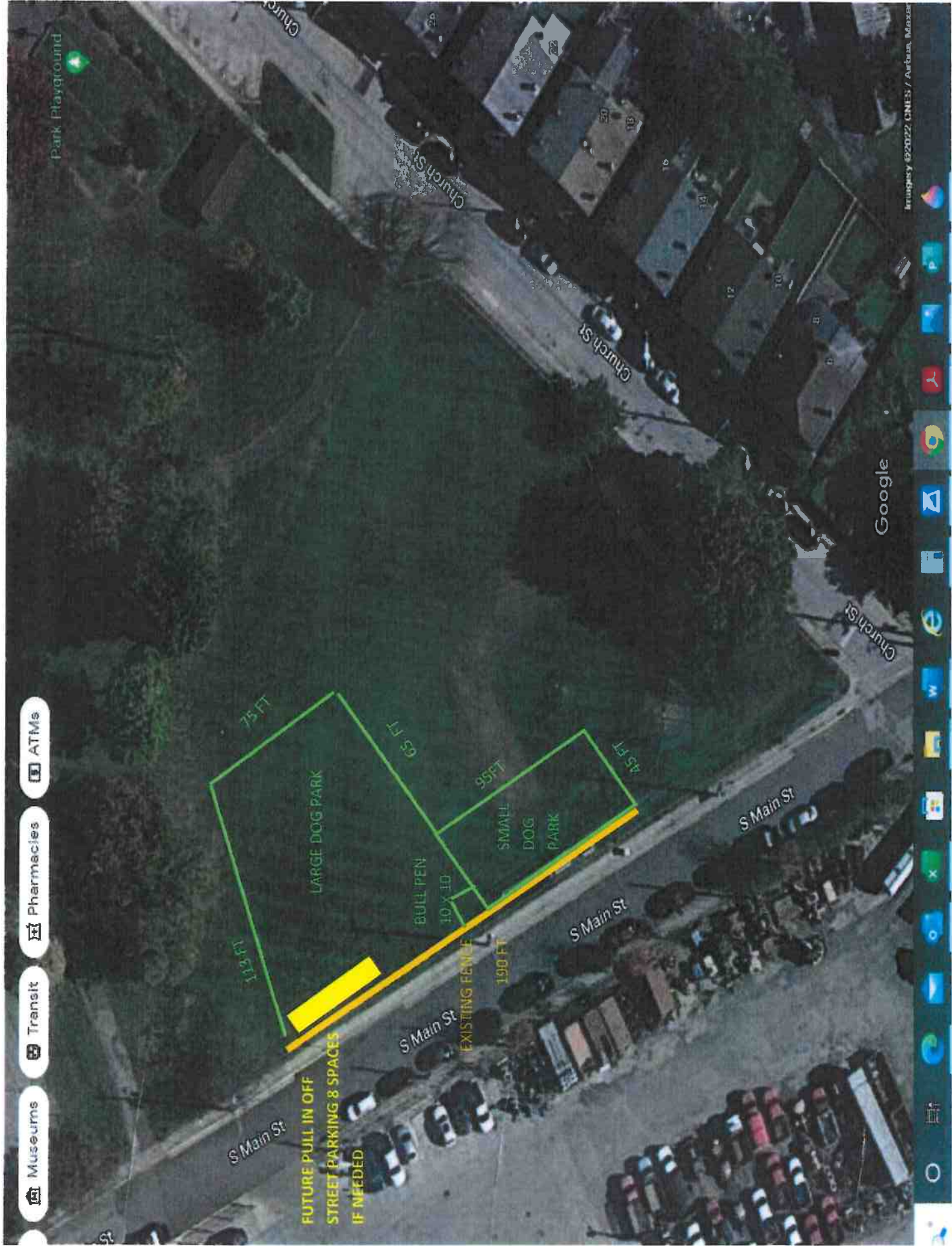
Re: Proposed Dog Park

Borough Council has requested exploring the creation of a fenced (off-leash) dog park after a strong interest from residents participating in the Borough Park System Plan public input process. Attached is a sketch showing the location of fencing for a dog park in the ball field area of Knight Park along Main Street.

The dog park would consist of about 448 linear feet of new 6 ft high chain link fencing matching the existing fence and tying into the existing fence along Main Street. I screen shot the existing street view for reference. The Borough would also be looking at two additional standard gates like the one in the screen shot from Main and two additional larger gates for lawn maintenance one at the large dog area and one at the small dog area.

The proposed dog park will consist of a 100 sqft "bull pen" where dogs are off leash safely, a larger dog park that is approximately 8,475 sqft, and a small dog park that is approximately 4,275 sqft. To put the size in prospective Ambler Square is 10,000 sqft and Wahl Playground is 4,356 sqft. Also shown in the plan is phase two off-street parking (if needed) would be able to accommodate 8 parking spaces while only illuminating approximately 3 on-street spaces.

Lastly, attached is rule signage from the well-established "Mon-daugh" bark park in Upper Dublin as well as other standard signage and along with a quote from a fence company giving all an idea of the cost for the fencing. Dog bag placement station would cost approximately \$100-\$200 per station and I would recommend using standard size trash receptacles similar to what Mon-Daugh has to prevent overflow of dog waste in smaller containers.



Park Playground

FUTURE PULL IN OFF
STREET PARKING 8 SPACES
IF NEEDED

LARGE DOG PARK

SMALL
DOG
PARK

BULL PEN

10 X 10

EXISTING FENCE

190 FT

75 FT

65 FT

95 FT

45 FT

115 FT

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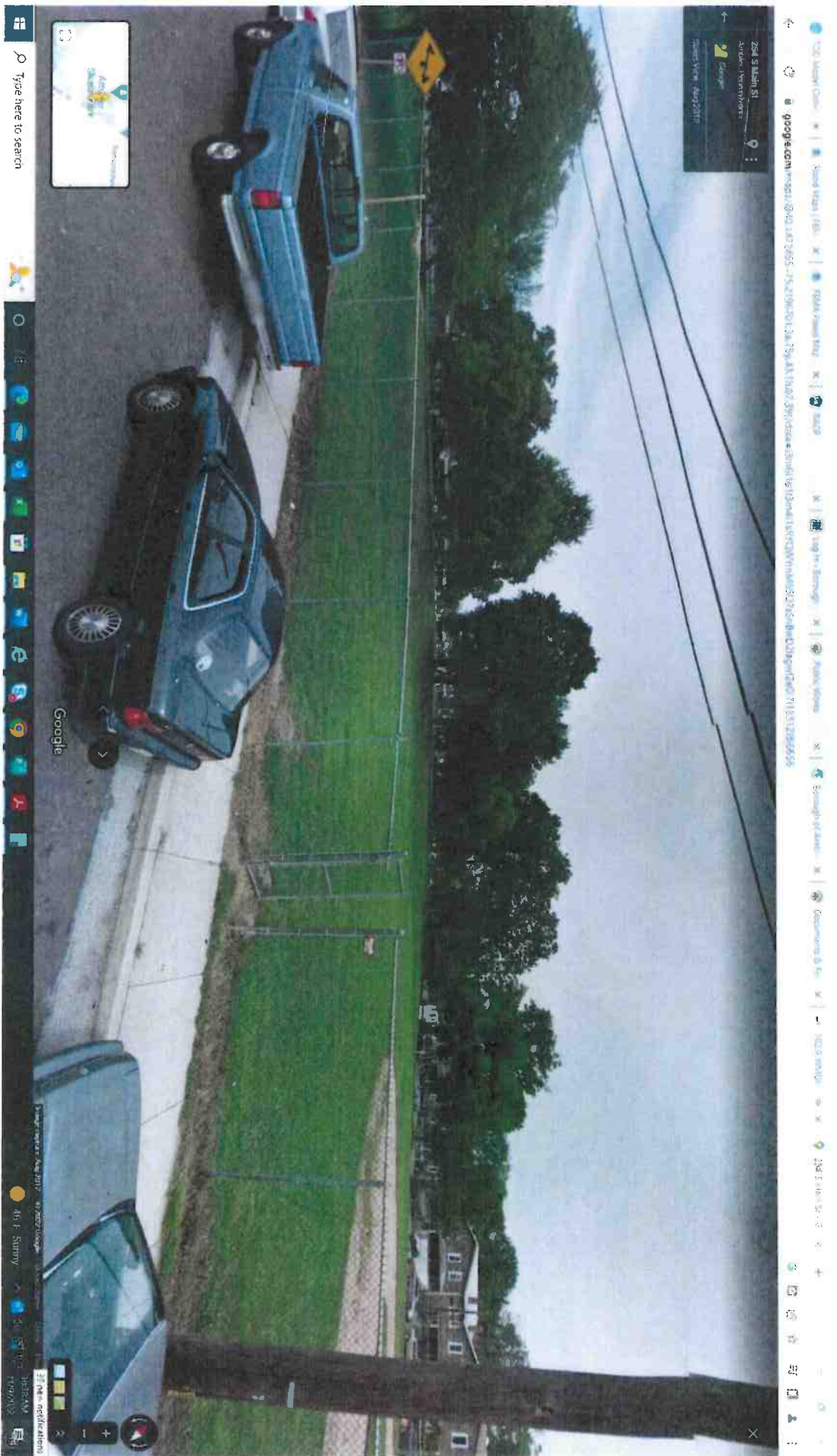
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PROPOSAL

Project No: 63127
Proposal Date: 11/07/2022

Estimate To:
Ambler Boro (water Dept)

131 Rosemary Avenue
Ambler, PA 19002
Work: (215) 646-1000
Cell: (267) 987-0395

Project Address:
Knights Park
S. Main and Church Streets
Ambler, PA 19002
Project Contact: Glenn
Project Email:
Project Phone:

Job Details:

Proposed Dog Park

\$30,360.00

Proposed Dog Park: +/- 448 L/F OF 6' HIGH 2x9 GAUGE GREEN VINYL CHAIN LINK FENCE ON GALVANIZED STEEL FRAMEWORK WITH 1 5/8" SS40 TOP AND BOTTOM RAILS.

2 1/2" SS40 TERMINAL POSTS AND 2" SS40 LINE POSTS ALL IN CONCRETE FOOTERS. POSTS NOT TO EXCEED 10' ON CENTER.

2 - 4' WIDE SINGLE SWING GATES ON 3" SS40 POSTS WITH STANDARD COMMERCIAL HARDWARE

2 - 10' WIDE DOUBLE SWING GATES ON 3" SS40 POSTS WITH STANDARD COMMERCIAL HARDWARE

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Everlasting Fence Company agrees to supply all labor and material for the net sum of:

Terms: 1/3 Deposit to Start, Balance The Day The Work Is Complete. All Major Credit Cards Accepted

To Accept this proposal remit a signed copy of this proposal with your 1/3 Deposit.

Everlasting Fence Co. has underground utilities marked. The Purchaser assumes responsibility for private underground lines. This proposal when accepted by an authorized company executive becomes a contract between the two parties.

Acceptance of Proposal - The prices, specifications and Terms and Conditions listed on the reverse side of this sheet are satisfactory and hereby accepted.

Signature of Purchaser

Date

William J. Tarlo
Authorized Representative

11/07/2022

Date

COMPLETE ONLINE - Ready to move ahead? Simply go to myeverlastingfence.com to login, digitally sign and submit the deposit. If it's your first time visiting, please login with your **JOB NUMBER** and **EMAIL ADDRESS** highlighted above. You will be prompted to choose a new password.

WELCOME to the "MON-DAUG" BARK PARK

RULES OF ETIQUETTE

Please...

- keep all gates closed.
- immediately clean up after your dog and properly dispose of trash in receptacles provided around the park.
- immediately stop your dog from digging and fill any hole with dirt.
- control your dog's rough play or excessive barking.
- be advised that toys may be a source of aggressive behavior.
- leave human food or long-lasting dog chews OUTSIDE fenced areas.



PARK RULES D. TWP CODE #168
LDP&R (215) 643-1600 x3443



DOG PARK RULES

- Use park at your own risk.
- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY.
- Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog with leash readily available.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age.
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately.
- Dogs should be under voice control.

PROHIBITED:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Human & Dog food/treats | • Sick Dogs |
| • Glass Containers | • Aggressive Dogs |
| • Dogs in heat | • Puppies (under 4 months) |



DOG PARK RULES

- Please keep your dog from jumping on other dogs or people.
- Pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it in the receptacles provided.
- Do not allow your dogs to be aggressive towards people or other dogs.
- Remember to keep your dog on a leash until you enter the park area.
- Remember that off leash does not mean out of control.
- Park is not responsible for injury or damage; enjoy at your own risk.

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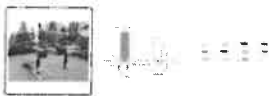
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Fitness Stations:

- Incline Crunch Sit-Up
- Pull-Up
- Vertical Knee Raise
- Pull-Up/Chin-Up
- Push-Up/Dip
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Salary & Personnel Committee

Committee Members: Frank DeRuosi-Chair, Haley Welch, Nellie Forst, and Jen Henderson. Absent: Ms. Forst

The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. Authorization is requested to approve the Employee Policy.

The following business will be discussed:

1. An executive session was held for a personnel issue.

2. **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE & BOARD SEATS**

Several volunteer Committee & Board positions will expire at the end of the year. Incumbents will be notified and asked to submit credentials if they seek reappointment. Borough residents are invited to submit their credentials as well by forwarding a letter of interest/resume by December 12th to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us. Appointments will be made by Council at their December Council Meeting. Volunteer positions include:

- Appeals Board – (vacancy - term ending 2024) - 1 seat
- Environmental Advisory Council – (3 year term) – 3 seats
- Human Relations Commission (3 year term) – 3 seats
- Planning Commission (4 year term) – 2 seats
- Vacancy Board (1 year term) – 1 seat
- Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term) – 1 seat
- Zoning Hearing Board Alternates (vacancies – term ending 2023, 2024, 2025) – 3 seats

3. Council member Frank DeRuosi (Ward 3) will announce his intention to resign from Borough Council effective at the adjournment of the December 20, 2022 Council meeting.

Approved at the Committee Meeting.

1. A recommendation was approved for the replacement of the Manager's Assistant, who is retiring. (8-Aye)

Recommendation.

1. Authorization is requested to approve the Employee Policy.