



# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**March 21, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes for Consideration:**

February 21, 2023

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE & PLANNING**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**SALARY & PERSONNEL**

## Finance & Planning Committee

Committee Members: Nellie Forst – Chair, Karen Sheedy, Lisa Auerbach, Nancy Roecker Coates.

### The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. A public hearing will be held this evening at 7:00pm with the possible adoption of an Ordinance 1131 amending the Zoning Ordinance changing the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District. **(attached)** A vote will be taken at the conclusion of the hearing.
2. That the February 2023 bills be paid in the amount of \$ **1,161,312.58**

#	FUND	February 1st Run	February 2nd Run	February 3rd Run	TOTALS
1	GENERAL	50,052.76	91,133.46	41,812.85	182,999.07
2	STREET LGTS	-	3,753.79	256.98	4,010.77
3	FIRE	-	-	-	-
4	REFUSE	-	47,443.03	-	47,443.03
5	PARKS & REC	697.96	231.34	676.40	1,605.70
6	WATER	79,566.16	55,630.51	106,209.22	241,405.89
8	SEWER	3,980.36	10,806.02	65,118.89	79,905.27
9	WWTP	53,768.86	-	-	53,768.86
35	LIQUID FUELS		370,732.89	-	370,732.89
30	WATER CAPITAL		31,330.27	148,110.83	179,441.10
	TOTALS	188,066.10	611,061.31	362,185.17	1,161,312.58
	VOID CHECKS *	-	-	-	-
	GRAND TOTAL	188,066.10	611,061.31	362,185.17	1,161,312.58

3. Authorization is requested to advertise to hold a public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance sign chapter regarding sign architectural elements and other inconsistencies. Montgomery County Planning Commission and Borough Planning commission reviews **attached**.
4. The Bid documents for the Edgewood Grant are being prepared, authorization is requested to advertise for Bids. The project is expected to be awarded in May.
5. Authorization is requested to advertise for adoption the **attached** Ordinance modifying the street sweeping schedule.

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.
2. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the revised Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance Amendment.

**Recommendations**

1. That the February **2023** bills be paid in the amount of \$ **1,161,312.58**
2. Authorization is requested to advertise to hold a public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance sign chapter regarding sign architectural elements and other inconsistencies.
3. The Bid documents for the Edgewood Grant are being prepared, authorization is requested to advertise for Bids. The project is expected to be awarded in May.
4. Authorization is requested to advertise the **attached** Ordinance modifying the street sweeping schedule.

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1131

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER AMENDING THE PARKING SETBACK AND LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS IN THE R3 ZONING DISTRICT, 27-807, BY ALLOWING EXISTING SETBACKS TO REMAIN IN THE EVENT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING BUILDINGS; CONTAINING SEVERANCE AND REPEALER CLAUSES; EFFECTIVE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR**

As an incentive for the preservation of the existing inventory of buildings within the Borough, Ambler Borough Council amends the Borough zoning ordinance as follows:

1. At codified ordinance 27-807(5), "Parking", consisting of parking setback and landscape provisions applicable to single family attached housing in the R3 zoning district, the existing language in sub-paragraphs "B" and "C" is hereby amended as follows:

"B. The following parking setback and landscape requirements apply in the following circumstances:

- i. When there is land development consisting of new construction on a vacant lot, or;
  - ii. When any existing principal building is demolished and a new building or buildings is/are erected, then:
    - a. Where there is parking for three or more cars, parking spaces shall be set back 15 feet from any district boundary line, and 25 feet from the nearest road ultimate right-of-way;
    - b. Where there is parking for ten or more cars, ten percent of the parking area shall consist of landscaping compliant with the parking lot landscaping standards in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
  - iii. The foregoing setback and landscaping requirements do not apply to land development that consists of the renovation or remodeling of existing principal buildings where no principal building is razed or demolished. For purposes of this ordinance, a "principal building" is the home, office, school, institution, store, or other structure that houses a use recognized by the zoning ordinance, and does not include accessory uses or detached garages.
  - iv. When there is land development that consists of the renovation or remodeling of the existing structures on a lot, without the razing or demolition of any principal structure, existing parking setbacks (from any district boundary line or nearest road ultimate right-of-way as set forth above) may continue and the landscaping requirement shall not apply.
  - v. When a principal building is deemed unsafe for human habitation and must be razed as a matter of public safety, new land development on the lot must comply with the setback provisions herein.
2. Should any portion of this ordinance be found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such invalid portion shall, to the extent possible, be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.
  3. Any existing ordinance inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance shall, to the extent of such inconsistency, be deemed repealed upon enactment of this ordinance.

4. This ordinance is effective when approved by the Mayor, and otherwise on the earliest applicable date as set forth in section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.  
SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary

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SCOTT FRANCE, AICP  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 22, 2023

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator  
Ambler Borough  
131 Rosemary Avenue  
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: MCPC #22-0289-002  
Proposal Name: R3 Parking Setbacks  
Ambler Borough

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced subdivision and land development ordinance in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on February 3, 2023. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Borough proposes to amend language in the R3 Residential District containing regulations for single-family attached developments in the district. The current ordinance requires that parking areas of three or more spaces be set back 15 feet from zoning district boundaries and 25 feet from road ultimate-right-of-ways. Any parking area of 10 or more spaces requires that 10% of the lot be landscaped.

The proposed text amendment changes these requirements so that they only apply to new construction, and would not apply for the reuse of an existing building. When existing principal buildings are being reused, the existing parking setbacks would apply for any parking on site.

We reviewed an earlier draft of this ordinance revision on December 12, 2022.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal without comment as we have found it to be generally consistent with good planning practices. We appreciate the borough taking into account our previous comments on the proposal.

#### **CONCLUSION**

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal. Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition

for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality. Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chloe Mohr".

Chloe Mohr, AICP, Senior Community Planner  
Chloe.Mohr@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov – (610) 278-3739

c: Mary Aversa, Manager, Ambler Borough  
Joseph E. Bresnan, Esq., Borough Solicitor  
Robert Lagreca, Chair, Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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February 28, 2023

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

Re: Zoning Amendment  
Changing Parking Setback in R-3

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Zoning Amendment prepared by the Borough Solicitor changing the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to Council that it approve the Zoning Amendment prepared to change the parking setback requirement in an R-3 Zoning District. The vote taken of 7 members present was unanimous in favor of a recommendation to Council to approve the proposed Zoning Amendment.

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



THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTIONS 27-2003 (DEFINITIONS), AND 27-2007 (SIGNS IN NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS), REMOVING ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT SIGNS AS A SEPARATE TYPE OF PERMITTED SIGN, REMOVING FLUSH WALL SIGNS TIED TO THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING, CLARIFYING THAT THE SIZE LIMIT FOR PROJECTING SIGNS IS FIVE SQUARE FEET FOR EACH SIGN FACE, AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO THE WORDING OF THE ORDINANCE CONSISTENT THEREWITH; EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR OR THE EARLIEST DATE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE; CONTAINING SEVERANCE AND REPEALER CLAUSES

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an applicant for a sign permit is entitled to a larger sign if it can be demonstrated that the sign is an "architectural element sign", a problem that is compounded by the subjectivity inherent in determining whether a particular sign is compatible with the architecture of the building,

Ambler Borough Council does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

1. In ordinance 27-2003, "Definitions", the term "Architectural Element Sign" and its definition are hereby deleted from the ordinance.
2. In ordinance 27-2003, "Definitions", the term "Small Additional Projecting Wall Sign" and its definition are hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "Small Projecting Sign – A projecting sign of 2.25 square feet per sign face or smaller."
3. Ordinance 27-2007.C.(1) is amended as follows:
  - a. The language in subparagraph (b) shall be hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "For building frontages of 50 or more linear feet: three (3) signs."
  - b. The language in subparagraph (c) shall be hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "One wall sign up to 50 square feet in area or 15% of the building front façade area, whichever is smaller. When a lot's gross area exceeds two acres and the setback to the wall on which the sign is affixed is 70 feet or greater, each wall sign may not exceed 20% of the wall area or 60 square feet, whichever is smaller."
  - c. The language in subparagraph (d) shall be hereby deleted and replaced with the following: "No wall sign shall exceed a sign height of 15 feet above the existing grade or project above any cornice, parapet wall, roof line or building facade."
  - d. The first two sentences of subparagraph (g) are deleted and replaced with the following language: "The maximum area for projecting signs is five square feet per sign face. Signs shall not project more than three feet from the building wall."
4. The existing language in ordinance 27-2007.C.(5) is deleted entirely and is replaced with the following language:

Small projecting signs shall be permitted. Additional Regulations:

  - (a) Logo or Image. In the interest of increasing the variety and quality of commercial signs, small projecting signs shall include a logo or image as a design element (the sign shall not be comprised exclusively of words on a plain background).
  - (b) Size. Small projecting signs shall be limited to 2.25 square feet (for example, 18 inches by 18 inches).
  - (c) Sign Projection. Small projecting signs may not project more than two feet from the building wall.

(d) Sign Clearance. A minimum clearance of seven feet required between the bottom of the sign and the sidewalk.

(e) No projecting sign shall exceed a sign height of 15 feet above the existing grade or project above any cornice, parapet wall, roof line or building facade.

5. The figure 27-2007.C.(5) shall be amended such that the top right text box reads "Projecting Sign" and the right justified text box under it reads "Small Projecting Sign."
6. The language in ordinance 27-2007.C.(6)(o)6) is deleted and is replaced with the following: "A small projecting sign."

This ordinance is effective when approved by the Mayor or in the absence of mayoral approval on the earliest date applicable under the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

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

Any existing ordinance which is inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance is, to the extent of such inconsistency, repealed.

SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary

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February 28, 2023

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

Re: Sign Ordinance – Architectural Elements

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review the Borough Sign Ordinance amendment regarding architectural elements and other inconsistencies.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to Council that it approve the amendment to the Borough Sign Ordinance regarding architectural elements and other inconsistencies. The vote taken of 7 members present was unanimous in favor of a recommendation to Council to approve the proposed Amendment.

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

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro  
Secretary  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 23, 2023

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator  
Ambler Borough  
131 Rosemary Avenue  
Ambler, PA 19002

Re: MCPC #22-0290-002  
Proposal Name: Wall Signs  
Ambler Borough

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on February 3, 2023. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Borough proposes to amend language in the sign ordinance to eliminate "Architectural Element Signs" as a sign type. The revisions include removing regulations related to the size of an Architectural Element Sign and increasing the maximum permitted size for a Wall Sign from 5 square feet to 50 square feet.

The proposed changes to the sign ordinance also include the adjustment of the name of a sign type from "Small Additional Projecting Wall Sign" to "Small Projecting Sign" with accompanying edits to various sections to be consistent in the language referring to various sign types.

A few other edits clarify building and sign measurements as they relate to sign size.

We reviewed an earlier draft of this ordinance revision on December 13, 2022.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) supports the applicant's proposal without comment as we have found it to improve clarity in the borough's sign ordinance. We appreciate the borough taking into account our previous comments.



## CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal. Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality. Should the governing body adopt this proposed zoning ordinance amendment, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,



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AMBLER BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS: ANDRSON, CHERRY, CANDY, BEECHMONT, ARTMAN, OVERLOOK, HAYWOOD, AND WALKER; EFFECTIVE UPON TH EARLIEST ADOPTION DATE APPLICABLE PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE

Codified ordinance 15-414, "Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets at Certain Times for Street Cleaning", is hereby amended as follows:

1. At paragraph "C", "Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. , prevailing time", the following addition is made to the streets listed therein:

<b>Street</b>	<b>Side</b>
Anderson	Even house numbers
Cherry	Even house numbers
Candy	Even house numbers
Beechmont	Even house numbers
Artman	Even house numbers
Overlook	Even house numbers
Haywood	Even house numbers
Walker	Even house numbers

2. At paragraph "E", Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the following roads are deleted:

Anderson  
Cherry  
Candy  
Beechmont  
Artman  
Overlook  
Haywood  
Walker

3. At paragraph "F", "Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., prevailing time", the following roads are modified by removing the parking restriction on both sides for the listed roads and restricting parking only on the side indicated:

<b>Street</b>	<b>Side</b>
Anderson	Odd house numbers
Cherry	Odd house numbers
Candy	Odd house numbers
Beechmont	Odd house numbers
Artman	Odd house numbers

Overlook  
Haywood  
Walker

Odd house numbers  
Odd house numbers  
Odd house numbers

This ordinance is effective on the earliest date recognized by section 3301.3 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

SO ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glynnis Siskind, Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary

## **Public Safety Committee**

Committee members: Jennifer Henderson – Chair, Nancy Roecker Coates, Erin McKenna Endicott, and Amy Hughes.

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendations:**

1. Authorization is requested to adopt Resolution 2023-2 authorizing the suspension of the open container for the Ambler Art & Music and Oktoberfest events. **(attached)**

### **The following business was discussed:**

1. The Police Department report **will be provided.**
2. The Community Ambulance report is **attached.**
3. The Fire Department report is **attached.**
4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
5. A request to hold CPR training is being researched. If people would like to participate, they will need to register and a fee will be charged.

### **Recommendations**

1. Authorization is requested to adopt Resolution 2023-2 authorizing the suspension of the open Container for the Ambler Art & Music and Oktoberfest events.





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Ambler Borough Statistics – 2023

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls in Borough</u>	<u>Total Calls for CAAA</u>
January	56	524
February	45	431
<u>YTD Totals</u>	101	955

*Serving Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd Township  
Springfield Township and Portions of Upper Dublin Township*





Wissahickon Fire Company  
 Fire Chief Report  
 February 2023 (59 days)

Attendance	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total
Day Calls (M to F 6AM to 6PM)	19	23											42
Attendance at Day Calls	254	291											545
Average Day Calls	13.4	12.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.0
Night & Weekend Calls	24	21											45
Attendance at N & W Calls	327	316											643
Average Night & Weekend	13.6	15.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.3
Total Calls	43	44											87
Total Attendance	581	607											1,188
Average Total Calls	13.5	13.8											13.8
Average Fire Attendance 7A	11.2	11.1											11.2
Average Fire Attendance 7B	2.3	2.7											2.5
Average Fire Attendance	13.5	13.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.7
Total Drills	4	4											8
Total Drill Attendance	138	135											273
Average Drill Attendance	34.5	33.8											34.1

Count of Alarm 2023								
Hour of Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
0	1			1		1	1	4
1	2							2
2								0
3	1			1				2
4	1							1
5							1	1
6				1				1
7		1		1		1		3
8						1		1
9	1	1		1	1			4
10	1		2	2				5
11	1		2		2			5
12		2		1	1	2		6
13			2	2			1	5
14	1			1	2		2	6
15				2	1	1		4
16	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	9
17			1	1	1		1	4
18		1			1	2	1	5
19	2	2	1	1			2	8
20	1	1	1				1	4
21	1	2	1	1				5
22	1							1
23						1		1
Grand Total	15	11	12	17	10	10	12	87

BOROUGH OF AMBLER  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

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

**ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENTS**  
ON JUNE 16 AND 17, 2023,

AND FOR PERSONS ATTENDING  
**OKTOBERFEST FESTIVAL EVENTS**  
ON OCTOBER 6 AND 7, 2023

**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 16 and 17, 2023 against any attendee of Ambler Borough's Arts & Music Festival events, or on October 6, 2023 or October 7, 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glynnis Syskind, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Aversa, Secretary

## **Public Utilities Committee**

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

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business was discussed:**

1. The WWTP Engineer's report was provided.
2. **Attached** is the updated chart of PFAS sampling results, incorporating the most recent sampling in January. Results continue to be consistent with historic levels, and the results for Whitemarsh and the Broad Axe Tank are still 'ND' – Non-detectable – since the installation of the new carbon at Whitemarsh.
3. The Borough submitted a grant application to Madeline Dean for Community Project Funding for PFAS upgrades at Wells 2, 6 and 7.

**Recommendation**



March 1, 2023

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

Re: Status Report - February 2023

Dear Mary,

The status of current active projects is as follows:

1. Wissahickon Creek TMDL - We understand that the Water Quality Improvement Plan is still being prepared by the partnership.
2. Conversion of Digesters - Construction restarted in late February for the conversion of the **digesters** from anaerobic digestion (without air) to aerobic digestion (with air). The first digester, T-9, is ready for start-up. There is a total of 5 digesters in the scope.
3. Diversion of Upper Dublin WWTP to Ambler WWTP - PADEP has approved the Act 537 Plan prepared by Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) for closing the Upper Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant and diverting that flow to Ambler's Wastewater Treatment Plant. EEIMA prepared the PADEP NPDES Permit Application and DRBC docket application for increasing the permitted annual average flow of the WWTP from 6.5 MGD to 7.7 MGD and obtaining the new effluent permit limits from PADEP. These applications had been submitted to both PADEP and DRBC. PADEP since requested the Borough submit the Part I Amendment for the work with its Part I Permit renewal application in 2023. We are proceeding with the request. The Part I NPDES Permit application is expected to be submitted in early March 2023.
4. UV Light Disinfection Re-licensing - The PADEP Part II Permit application was submitted and approved. We continue to work on design and anticipate letting the installation through the COSTARS program.

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

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

*Anthony L. Price*

Anthony L. Price, P.E.  
Principal Engineer

**AMBLER WATER SYSTEM PFAS SAMPLE RESULTS  
JANUARY 2023 SAMPLING**

Well No. or Location	PFOA Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOS Average of Past Results (ppt)	PFOA* January 2023 (ppt)	PFOS* January 2023 (ppt)
2	12.3	9.5	12.0	8.8
4	10.7	10.0	12.0	10.0
6	9.6	9.1	9.6	9.4
7	9.3	8.3	9.8	8.0
8	2.3	6.8	**	**
9	11.4	9.6	13.0	10.0
11	10.1	8.2	11.0	7.5
12	7.3	6.1	7.7	6.4
14	7.3	6.8	7.5	7.8
Whitemarsh WTP Raw	7.8	6.3	8.2	6.4
Whitemarsh WTP Treated***	8.0	5.7	ND	ND
<b>Storage Tanks</b>				
Loch Alsh Tank	12.3	9.2	12.0	8.9
Broad Axe Tank	9.6	6.9	ND	ND
Houston Road Tank	8.8	7.5	8.3	7.6

Notes:

- ppt = parts per trillion
- \*\* = Not Sampled
- ND= Not Detected
- Average of Past Results is the average of samples collected since 2016 (excluding ND).
- January 2023 samples were collected on January 23, 2023 and analyzed by Eurofins Environment Testing Philadelphia - Horsham, PA
- \*PA DEP adopted "The Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule" in January 2023. The rule establishes an MCL of 14 ppt for PFOA and 18 ppt for PFOS and an MCLG of 8 ppt for PFOA and 14 ppt for PFOS. While all sources are currently testing below the MCL, several are near the MCL for PFOA. Monitoring requirements under this rule begin January 1, 2024.
- \*\*\*New carbon installed at Whitemarsh in August 2022. PFOS and PFOA sample results for treated water have been ND since installation of the new carbon.

## **Park and Recreation Committee**

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

### **The Committee will consider the following recommendations:**

1. The bid documents for the Pickering Field including sidewalks on Highland and North and Trinity ADA ramps are being prepared. Authorization is requested to advertise for Bid. The award is expected in May.

### **The following business was discussed:**

1. Staff is working with the YMCA to plan the 2023 Camp Program.

### **Approved at the Committee Meeting**

2. Consideration of hardship requests from retail establishments were received too temporarily exempt said retail establishment from the requirements of the single use plastics ordinance.  
**(6-Aye 1-Nay Ms. Sheedy)**

### **Recommendation**

1. The bid documents for the Pickering Field Sidewalks on Highland, North and Trinity are being prepared. Authorization is requested to advertise for Bid.



## **Salary & Personnel Committee**

Committee Members: Karen Sheedy – Chair. Haley Welch, Nellie Forst, and Jen Henderson.

**The Committee will make no recommendations.**

**The following business will be discussed:**

1. The vacant Water Department Operator 11 position has been advertised. Resumes are being accepted.

**Recommendations**