

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2017, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Lagreca called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: Joshua Kanaplue, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Peter Amento, William Mulroy, Robert Lagreca, Carissa Hazelton, and Al Comly, Jr. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner.

Salvatore Boccuti and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Peter Amento made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2017. Joshua Kanaplue seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested on proposed language regarding prohibiting the spread of bamboo in the Borough. Members of the public and the EAC made comments on prohibiting the planting of bamboo and/or taking steps to manage existing bamboo in the Borough. An inventory of the existing bamboo in the Borough will be conducted and the matter will be continued to a future Planning Commission meeting.

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels. The County Planner presented a memo setting forth the Previous Goals and Recommendations which was discussed. Identifying properties of interest was suggested. Existing parks and recreation areas were discussed. The County Planner along with the Code Enforcement Officer will collaborate with the Chairman of the Parks and Rec Committee on realistic goals and future plans. Discussion of the last section "Transit Revitalization Investment District Study" will be placed on the Agenda for the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

December Meeting – A vote was taken to cancel the December meeting as the only proposed Agenda item is the Update of the Open Space Plan. The vote was unanimous to cancel the meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE JANUARY, 2018, MEETING

Prohibiting the spread of bamboo.

Update to Open Space Plan.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Several members of the EAC were in attendance and provided comments.

Elizabeth Iovine made a motion at 9:05 seconded by Carol DiPietro to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION