

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 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: Carissa Hazelton, Joshua Kanaple, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, William Mulroy, and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and Lauren Van Dyk, Montgomery County Planner.

Al Comly Jr., and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2018. Elizabeth Iovine seconded the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Input is requested on proposed language regarding prohibiting the spread of bamboo in the Borough. The Planning Commission discussed prohibiting the planting of bamboo and/or taking steps to manage existing bamboo in the Borough at previous meetings. At the January meeting, the matter was sent back to Council for additional direction. Council discussed the ordinance at its February Committee and Council meetings and revisions were suggested. The Borough Solicitor made the revisions, and the County Planning Commission issued its comment letter on the revised ordinance. A memo was prepared to outline the revisions to facilitate discussion for the Planning Commission. After additional discussion, a motion was made and seconded to make a recommendation to Council to approve the ordinance. The vote taken was 7 ayes and 1 nay. Immediately following the vote, members voiced concerns about the ordinance and wanted to add their concerns to the recommendation letter for council. However, while the concerns were being discussed a proposal was made that in order to avoid hastiness, the vote taken could be tabled until next month to allow additional time for each member to formulate his or her concerns and possibly request additional information from the Borough Solicitor or invite him to the March meeting. This proposal was unanimously consented to by all members.

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels since the last update in 2006. The County Planner presented

a memo setting forth a draft Section on the Natural Resources and Potential Linkages Sections.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business was discussed.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE MARCH, 2018, MEETING**

Additional discussion concerning the ordinance regarding prohibiting the planting and spreading of bamboo in the Borough.

Continue to Update to Open Space Plan.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Sal Boccuti made a motion at 8:40 seconded by Carol DiPietro to adjourn.

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