

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 25, 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: Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, William Mulroy, Al Comly, Jr., and Robert Lagreca Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and Julia Detwiler, Montgomery County Planner.

Carissa Hazelton, David Krall and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2018. Elizabeth Iovine seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels since the last update in 2006. Our County Planner provided a draft Memo for discussion. An issue was raised on the importance of this Plan being a major tool to chart the future direction of open space considerations in the Borough.

In the process of reviewing the final draft of the Update, a question arose regarding the value of planning beyond the current identified parks and open space, and the as-yet finalized open space acquisitions currently in the process. A motion was made and carried unanimously to seek Council's direction in expanding the vision of, and planning for, open space in the Borough beyond the open space currently owned and that which might be in negotiation for acquisition.

The Planning Commission believes this Open Space Plan would benefit from the inclusion of a vision beyond what is the current open space in the Borough. That vision might then serve to guide the direction of future efforts for open space in the event other opportunities present themselves for acquisition—leading toward consolidating existing parcels into more useful areas. The intention would not be the identification of specific properties, but rather to encourage an overall approach to future acquisitions. It might also be valuable in any effort of securing future grants or bequests for open space as well as being an incentive for the Borough to begin thinking about establishing a funding approach that would allow the acquisition of

property—particularly parcels that might contribute more to us as open space than they now do in their current form. A letter will be prepared for Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE OCTOBER, 2018, MEETING

Continue work on the Open Space Plan Update.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:25 seconded by Elizabeth Iovine to adjourn.

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