AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2018, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 23, 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 Kralle and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2018. Al Comly 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. At the September meeting, 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. A letter was drafted for Council, and Council's response was positive for the Planning Commission to proceed with the update including a vision beyond what is the current open space in the Borough. A Mission Statement was drafted to be placed in the front of the Open Space Update. The dialogue centered around the prepared Mission Statement and that it is similar to an Executive Therefore, it was discussed that a sentence or two be taken from the draft Mission Statement to become the Mission Statement. Using the draft of the Mission Statement along with the Update itself, our County Planner will prepare an Executive Summary to be placed in the Plan Update. A draft of this Executive Summary will be discussed at the November meeting.

Additionally, the County graphics department is working on putting the finishing touches on the Update including all graphics, photos, text boxes, etc. It is expected to be complete by the end of November.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE NOVEMBER, 2018, MEETING

Continue work on the Open Space Plan Update.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 7:50 seconded by Al Comly to adjourn.

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