

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

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, November 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: David Kralle, Carissa Hazelton, 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.

James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, was excused from attending.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 23, 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. A Mission Statement and an Executive Summary were drafted by the County Planner to be placed in the front of the Open Space Update. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to accept both the Mission Statement and the Executive Summary in the form prepared by the County Planner.

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. It may or may not be ready for the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Since the date of the December meeting falls on Christmas, Thursday, December 13, 2018, was agreed upon for the December meeting.

Input is requested on green improvement or sustainable/low-impact regulations to attract interested property owners to promote sustainable building practices.

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to develop an approach to incorporate green building regulations, incentives and/or strategies into our existing Zoning and Subdivision Land Development Codes to maximize sustainability. This initiative could focus on a number of topics such as energy efficiency, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, thermal comfort, health and productivity among others.

Because “Green Building” regulations are so broad, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to begin its mission by narrowing the focus to pervious and impervious coverage calculations and/or incentives to assist in diminishing storm water run-off from individual properties with a request for approval from Council to focus on any or all of the three topics listed below to begin the task.

- Guidelines for new construction / redevelopment
- Evaluate the existing stormwater management ordinance to reduce the trigger for stormwater management from 1,000 sq ft lower based upon a graduated scale for lot size
- Stormwater management guidelines for rehabilitation of existing properties

A letter will be sent to council requesting approval to begin the green initiative with the above three topics.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE DECEMBER, 2018, MEETING

Continue work on the Open Space Plan Update.
Continue work on Green Building Regulations.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

William Mulroy made a motion at 8:35 seconded by Elizabeth Iovine to adjourn.

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