

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2019, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Peter Amento called the meeting to order.

**2019 REORGANIZATION:** Peter Amento made a motion to nominate Robert Lagreca for Chairman, Al Comly, Jr., for Vice-Chairman and Carol Ann DiPietro for Secretary. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chairman Robert Lagreca presided over the meeting

**ROLL CALL:** Present: David Kralle, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, Al Comly, Jr., and Robert Lagreca

Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Ambler Borough Code Enforcement Officer, James Dougherty, Borough Engineer and Julia Detwiler, Montgomery County Planner.

Carissa Hazelton and William Mulroy were excused.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 27, 2018. Peter Amento seconded the motion. There was no December, 2018, meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Input is requested on updating the Borough Open Space Plan to incorporate the newly-acquired parcels since the last update in 2006. The County graphics department provided a draft of the Update including all graphics, photos, text boxes, etc., for review. There were a few typo errors which will be corrected. A comment was made that all of the photographs must be within the Borough unless a caption specifically states where the photograph was taken. A motion was made to forward this draft to Council for approval with the corrections, and the vote taken was unanimously in favor. A letter will be prepared for Council.

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 had voted at its November, 2018, meeting 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. This request made to Council was approved. With the guidance of the Borough Engineer, the Commission reviewed the Borough of Ambler Ordinance Number 1108 regarding stormwater management. After a lengthy discussion, at 8:30 a suggestion was made to resume the discussion at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE FEBRUARY, 2019, MEETING**

Continue work on Green Building Regulations, specifically pervious and impervious coverages.

Several residents were in attendance and provided comments.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:30 seconded by Elizabeth Iovine to adjourn.

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