

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2019, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Lagreca called the meeting to order. This December meeting was scheduled on the third Wednesday because the regular fourth Tuesday is Christmas Eve.

ROLL CALL: Present: David Krall, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, William Mulroy, Al Comly and Robert Lagreca.

Carissa Hazelton and Peter Amento were excused. James Dougherty, Borough Engineer was also excused.

Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and Michael Lowrey, Montgomery County Planner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Input is requested to create a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough to be used as part of a larger Master Park Plan. A number of residents attended the meeting to voice opinions concerning the use of Pickering Field. It is currently baseball diamonds and used by Ambler Junior Baseball for a few weeks in the spring and fall. The parcel is one full block and contains 2.93 acres. It is bordered by Highland, Park, North and Trinity Avenues. The Montgomery County records show the property was transferred to the Borough 1953.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review the guidelines and recommend changes to the Borough's existing wireless ordinance and fee schedule to comply with the FCC order as well as develop design requirements for wireless facilities in the rights-of-way to prevent aesthetically obtrusive facilities. We are waiting for clarity on the new legislation

Input is requested to create a preliminary Energy Transition Plan in line with the Ambler Borough Ready for 100 Renewable Energy Resolution adopted by Borough Council March, 2019. Nellie DiPietro, Councilperson, presented Council's vision and expectation for the Plan at the September, 2019, Planning Commission meeting. The focus is on efficacy and sustainability. An outline for approaching the preparation of the Plan was prepared by Councilperson Nellie DiPietro and was reviewed. These are

the steps to move forward with the creation of our Plan to be turned over to a consultant. Section A of the Outline will reflect chapters taken from the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Open Space Plan Update. Sections D and E were reviewed at the November meeting and Section G with regard to solar panels and electric appliances were discussed. Some of the items to consider are the Community Profile including background information on Ambler, population data, bike racks and locations, natural resources, LED traffic lights, public transportation and parking. Switching to LED street lights is already in progress.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE JANUARY, 2020, MEETING

Review of draft form of Ordinance outlining design standards for the new small wireless facilities.

Further work on the Ready for 100 Renewable Energy preliminary energy transition plan.

Further work on a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough.

William Mulroy made a motion at 8:30 seconded by David Kralle to adjourn.

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