

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2020, MEETING

The Regular May Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via an internet vehicle ZOOM. Consistent with Council President's and the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster Emergency executed Tuesday, April 7, 2020, this action was taken to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our community and to promote our commitment to maintain social distancing in our community. The meeting was not held at Borough Hall as previously advertised. A public copy of the meeting agenda was posted on the Borough website and the public was invited to forward questions or comments to the Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer, by 4:00 p.m. this evening. A question was received after 4:00 p.m. with regard to the RF100 document. What would the public be able to see a draft. Glenn Kucher hosted the meeting and Chairman Robert Lagreca presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: David Kralle, Carissa Hazelton, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, William Mulroy, Al Comly and Robert Lagreca.

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

James Dougherty, Borough Engineer was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2020, seconded by Elizabeth Iovine with one correction. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Montgomery County review will follow at a later date.

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. For the past couple meetings we reviewed all the parks in Ambler as well as surrounding areas. The three parks that rise to the top of the discussion

are Pickering Field, Knight Park and Ricciardi Park. This matter was tabled for discussion at a later date.

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. The goal is to reduce the use of fossil fuel. 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. After a few months of discussion a draft of the document was presented to each Planning Commission member last week by e-mail. Glenn Kucher, Michael Lowrey and Nellie DiPietro did a superb job in preparing this draft for review. Graphs, charts, tables and photos were added. All the members appreciated the time and effort put forth by all three of them in preparing this draft document. Discussion ensued regarding an Executive Summary and implementation/goals sections with timelines. One suggestion is to move the 2019 RF100 Resolution to the beginning of the Plan to set forth the reason for the Plan. These changes will be made and the revised draft provided to the Planning Commission members for review prior to our next meeting. After the Planning Commission is satisfied with the document, a vote will be taken to recommend the plan to Council for approval and ultimate delivery to a consultant.

The Planning Commission expressed its appreciation to Mr. Kucher for hosting the meeting on ZOOM. We recognize that additional work is necessary for him to prepare for and hold our meetings, and we thank him for his efforts.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Receive and review Montgomery County review letter and thereafter vote to adopt ordinance regulating design standards for the new small wireless facilities.

Further work on the Ready for 100 Renewable Energy preliminary energy transition plan. Review Executive Summary and Implementation/Goals sections to be prepared for a future meeting.

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

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 7:50 seconded by William Mulroy to adjourn.

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