

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020, MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. 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, and Michael Lowrey, Montgomery County Planner.

James Dougherty, Borough Engineer was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020, seconded by Peter Amento. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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. It is anticipated that we will vote on whether to adopt an ordinance change at the March meeting.

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. 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. An Executive Summary will be prepared for review at the March, 2020, meeting. It is anticipated that we will be ready for Earth Day on April 22, 2020.

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. Also an update was given on progress of Ambler Square.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR THE MARCH, 2020, MEETING

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 to be prepared for the March meeting.

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

Several residents were in attendance.

William Mulroy made a motion at 8:20 seconded by Carol DiPietro to adjourn.

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