

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, MEETING

The Regular August Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via 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 5:00 p.m. this evening or request attendance at the meeting. Glenn Kucher hosted the meeting and Chairman Robert Lagreca presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: Carissa Hazelton, David Krall, 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 August 25, 2020, seconded by Peter Amento. 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 Dated September 26, 2018, 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.

Creating public participation in this endeavor of creating a plan for all our parks was discussed extensively. Since the current situation is Zoom meetings, suggestions of how to make the public aware and interested in participating with comments, suggestions, etc., on any and all of our parks was discussed. An outline setting forth

the approach such as the one used in the RF100 task will be prepared. It was suggested that the two parks that have generated the most public comment should be our starting point. They are Pickering Field and Knight Park.

Further discussion and input on the parks will be on the Agenda for the October meeting.

A question was raised by Salvatore Boccuti inquiring as to when work might begin on Ambler Square. Glenn believes it could start within two weeks.

Four members of the public registered for the meeting:

Jill Sanchez - 220 Rosemary Avenue

Anna Lee Lapinski – 136 Rosemary Avenue

Deanne Morris – 327 Belmont Avenue

Sarah Hertz, Councilperson 126 N. Ridge Avenue

Anna Lee Lapinski spoke at the meeting. She suggested that the Jean Thompson park be the starting park for discussion since it is small.

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 and Borough Staff for their efforts.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR SEPTEMBER AND 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 a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:00 seconded by Peter Amento to adjourn.

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