

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2020, MEETING

The Regular October Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 27, 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 Kralle, 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: Elizabeth Iovine made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020, seconded by David Kralle. 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. Michael Lowrey

prepared and presented an outline setting forth the approach such as the one used in the RF100 task.

The members created a schedule for the monthly meetings to discuss each park. The meetings would begin at 6:00 on the night of the regularly-scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

November 24, 2020: Knight Park. The reason for starting with Knight Park is that there have been many public comments with regard to uses of the park as well as suggestions made to use a portion of Knight Park for a community garden in raised beds.

December 22, 2020: Pickering Field

January 26, 2021: Ricciardi Park

February 23, 2021: Borough Park, Edgewood Preserve, Tennis Avenue Open Space and the Tennis/Spring Garden Triangle.

March 23, 2021: Wahl, Jean Thompson, Locust Street and Ambler Square

Three members of the public registered for the meeting:

Anna Lee Lapinski – 136 Rosemary Avenue

Mary Margaret Monser – 372 Forest Avenue

Sarah Hertz, Councilperson 126 N. Ridge Avenue

The Planning Commission expressed its appreciation to Mr. Kucher and the Borough Staff for hosting the meeting on ZOOM.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR NOVEMBER 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.

Peter Amento made a motion at 8:00 seconded by Carol DiPietro to adjourn.

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