

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2021, MEETING

The Regular June Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 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.

The Commission welcomed its new member, Anthony Giannetti.

ROLL CALL: Present: Anthony Giannetti, Carissa Hazelton, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, and Al Comly and Robert Lagreca.

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

David Krall, Elizabeth Iovine and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021, seconded by Al Comly 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 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. The County Planner is developing a digital app along with an actual plan outlining each park, its location, its amenities and proposed uses, active and/or passive. The County Planner outlined the work to date in developing the web app to assist park users in locating our parks, locating a park near their home and/or locating a park with the amenities to fit their desires. He also quickly recapped the residents comments for each park. Additional seating seemed to be on everyone's wish list for every park. Additional comments included more trees, more maintenance/trash management, public gathering spaces and programs in the parks. Specific to Pickering Field were concerns for dust, water management in heavy rain events, more seating, more trees and design for sidewalk and retaining walls. Specific to Knight Park were concerns about maintenance, additional police presence, public gathering space, trash management and the community garden. It is hoped that an in-person meeting may be possible late summer or early fall to review with the residents these outcomes from the various specific park public meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

Several residents were in attendance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR JULY 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 and proposed App for information regarding our parks for users of the park to download to assist them in using our parks to their full potential. Review resident comments and potential changes for each park.

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

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