

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, MEETING

The Regular September Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, and Chairman Robert Lagreca presided.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Anthony Giannetti, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Al Comly and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Borough Code Enforcement Officer, and Michael Lowrey, Montgomery County Planner

David Krall, Peter Amento, and Carissa Hazelton were excused. James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, was also excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2021, seconded by Elizabeth Iovine. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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. A survey has been developed and public input is requested. The results will be discussed at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Input is requested to explore ways to preserve Ambler's historic resources. An introduction presentation was made by Mary Spross, a resident who lives on Forest Avenue.

No action was taken on any particular aspect of preservation. There are many ways to approach any intended preservation in Ambler. Below are initial considerations.

1. What are we trying to achieve
  - Maintain scale and character of existing buildings
  - Guide compatible infill and new construction
  - Preserve distinctive features or materials
  - Acknowledge important places, groups, and stories
  - Encourage sensitive adaption
  - Encourage revitalization
  - Prevent or discourage demolition
  
2. What types of changes are we trying to manage?
  - Demolition
  - New Construction
  - Major Alterations
  - Features and Materials
  - Setting and Landscape

3. What scale are we hoping to impact?  
Individual buildings  
Neighborhoods and corridors  
Both

There was discussion concerning particular properties as outlined in our Open Space and Comprehensive Plan Updates. Before conditions and/or restrictions can be explored, initial intentions and goals need to be identified. We recognize that undertaking this task could result in a year or more of work. We believe we could use some direction from our Borough Solicitor to get us started.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR OCTOBER AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

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 survey comments and potential updates for each park.

Discussion on preservation intentions and goals.

Al Comly made a motion at 8:55 seconded by Salvatore Boccuti to adjourn.

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