

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

The Regular December Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, December 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, David Kralle, Elizabeth Iovine, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Al Comly and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher. Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

Carissa Hazelton, Peter Amento and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused. Also, we have not yet been assigned a new County Planner now that Michael Lowrey is no longer a member of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Salvatore Boccuti made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021, seconded by Anthony Giannetti. Motion carried unanimously. The November, 2021, meeting was cancelled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Input is requested to explore ways to preserve Ambler's historic resources.

No action was taken on any particular aspect of preservation yet. There are a number of ways to approach any intended preservation in Ambler. There was discussion concerning particular properties as outlined in our Open Space and Comprehensive Plan Updates, especially Mary Ambler's House which is privately owned. Glenn volunteered to prepare a letter to these property owners advising them that discussions will begin at our January meeting to allow them to attend and contribute their thoughts and comments. He will provide a copy of the letter for review by the members by e-mail prior to mailing it to the property owners. Research should be undertaken to insure that each of the properties has authentic history or falls within the criteria to be established and that the location of each is correctly identified. Are we identifying a property because of age, architectural significance or its history? Before conditions and/or restrictions can be explored, initial intentions and goals need to be identified and agreed upon. We recognize that undertaking this task could result in a year or more of work in investigation and study.

Input 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. Glenn supplied each member with the results of the most recent survey. These results will be compared to the previous survey suggestions. The suggested additions to the parks will be prioritized and cost estimates will be presented for discussion and recommendation to Council. The Borough and County tax bill has a separate line item for a millage rate to generate tax dollars to be budgeted only for improvements and maintenance of our Borough parks.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR JANUARY 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 and compare survey responses to past survey responses. Begin prioritizing suggestions based on need and cost estimates.

Discussion on historic preservation intentions and goals.

Residents commenting

Mary Spross            366 Forest Avenue  
Wendy Flickinger   138 Tennis Avenue

Elizabeth Iovine made a motion at 8:10 seconded by Salvatore Boccui to adjourn.

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