

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022, MEETING

The Regular February Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Lagreca presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: John Oswald, Anthony Giannetti, Carol Ann DiPietro, Salvatore Boccuti, Peter Amento, Al Comly and Robert Lagreca. Also in attendance: Glenn Kucher, Borough Code Enforcement Officer. Chloe M. Mohr, Senior Community Planner with the Montgomery County Planning Commission was also in attendance.

David Kralle, Carissa Hazelton, and James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Peter Amento made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022, seconded by Salvatore Boccuti. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested to explore ways to preserve Ambler's historic resources. Chloee Mohr, the County Planner, began the discussion describing ordinance language that had been crafted for other municipalities. She suggested incentives that could be considered to encourage reuse of historic properties and to delay demolition by maybe reduced parking requirements or increased allowable impervious coverage.

Some attendees made comments about the fear of how historic preservation may affect property values and/or ability to secure financing. A representative from the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society read an opinion in favor of historic preservation.

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. When the Borough has a permanent County Planner, work will resume discussion on the parks survey suggestions.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR MARCH 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, goals and focus.

Salvatore Boccuti made a motion at 8:40 seconded by Al Comly to adjourn.

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