

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

The Regular March Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 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, David Kralle, Carissa Hazelton, 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.

James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Peter Amento made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022, with a correction, seconded by Salvatore Boccuti. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested to explore ways to preserve Ambler's historic resources. Chloe Mohr, the County Planner, began the discussion describing ordinance language that had been crafted for other municipalities. After over an hour of discussion, the members seemed to favor moving forward with the sample "Commercial, 1934, Sample Ordinance" Draft which proposes a delay of demotion by implementing a waiting period before a demolition permit is issued to allow time to formulate options for reuse of a structure. The delay period and various other conditions will be discussed further at the April meeting.

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.

Several residents were in attendance and made comments in support of historic preservation and others favored delay in demolition, and others were against any form of historic preservation whatsoever.

CONTINUED BUSINESS FOR APRIL 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 8:50 seconded by Peter Amento to adjourn.

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