

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2024, MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman John Oswald presided.

ROLL CALL: Present: Isaac Kessler, Theresa Coleman-Clement, Mary Spross, Lee Meinicke, Carissa Hazelton, Carol Ann DiPietro, Peter Amento, Al Comly and John Oswald. Also in attendance were Timothy Konetchy, Montgomery County Planner, and Glenn Kucher, Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

James Dougherty, Borough Engineer, was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Peter Amento made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024; seconded by Mary Spross. The vote taken was unanimous to approve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Input is requested on establishing Ambler Borough Planning Commission by-laws and annual reports. Glenn provided a draft for review outlining a suggested framework for the structure and operation of the Planning Commission and conducting meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Input is requested on updating the 2013 Borough Comprehensive Plan. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Code suggests that each municipality review and/or update its Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The Borough's previous Plan was adopted in 2001 with a subsequent Plan update completed in 2013. The County Planner prepared a memo for discussion with regard to community involvement. To begin the outreach process, an online community survey will be published and an open house will be scheduled for January, 2025. This public meeting will take place in the borough gym and will be similar to the SEPTA meeting in January of 2024. It will be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of January in place of our regular meeting. The survey questions were discussed in detail with input from the Members and the attendees.

Discussion regarding requesting Council to allow for the Planning Commission to explore incorporating revisions similar to those in the recent Transit Oriented Development Ordinance to the Downtown Commercial district including aesthetics and architectural elements. The members of the Planning Commission discussed the merits of adding some of the recent revisions made to the Transit Oriented Development Ordinance to the Downtown Commercial zoning district. It makes for good planning sense to have consistency in our down town so we discussed adding these same revisions to our commercial district. A motion was made by Carol DiPietro and seconded by Peter Amento to make a formal request to Council to allow the Planning Commission to discuss these revisions. A letter will be prepared to Council.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Some residents in attendance were

Elizabeth Iovine	107 Church Street
Nancy Roecker-Coates	208 Southern Avenue
Karen Sheedy	223 Overlook Road

Carissa Hazelton made a motion at 8:50 seconded by Mary Spross to adjourn.

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