

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Vice-Chairman Al Comly presided.

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

Theresa Coleman-Clement and John Oswald were excused as was James Dougherty, Borough Engineer.

The Planning Commission welcomed its new member, Isaac Kessler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mary Spross made a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2024; seconded by Peter Amento. The vote taken was unanimous to approve.

NEW BUSINESS:

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.

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. The survey questions were discussed in detail with input from the Members and the attendees.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Some residents in attendance were

Anna Lee Lapinski	136 Rosemary Avenue
Neil Binkley	307 Trinity Avenue
Karen Sheedy	223 Overlook Road

Carol DiPietro made a motion at 8:24 seconded by Mary Spross to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann DiPietro
Recording Secretary,
AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION