

MINUTES

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

May 30, 2006

The May meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission met on Tuesday May 30, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 E. Butler Avenue. Vice Chairman LaGreca presided. There was no April meeting of the Commission due to lack of any agenda items.

Roll Call – Present: Mr. LaGreca, Mr. Mulroy, Mr. Benigno, Mrs. Baigis, Mr. Amento, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Narcowich – County Planner and Borough Engineer James Dougherty. Absent: Mr. Ware – vacation.

Mr. Mulroy moved the March 28, 2006 Minutes be approved with these corrections and additional language. Ms. Andrew – not Mrs. Andrews (2 places). Add James to Mr. Dougherty's name. Change Mr. Ware's sentence by adding 'but will recuse himself on the matter and not vote'. Seconded, carried.

Old Business

1. Mr. John Ryan, Esquire and Mr. Nick Rose, Engineer made a presentation on the McGinn sub-division. They answered questions about the county's letter of December 1, 2005 and the Borough Engineer's letter of November 10, 2005. A number of items were missing from the plans. They will try to re-submit revised plans in two weeks and have the opinion/order letter of the Ambler Zoning Hearing Board attached. Two residents, 226 and 265 N. Spring Garden spoke in opposition to the sub-division. The Commission, after a period of discussion on flag lots directed the secretary to send a letter to Council asking for direction to re-write flag lots in the Borough.

New Business

1. The Penna sub-division, 237 Trinity Avenue was discussed. Mr. LaGreca advised he will take part in the discussion but will recuse himself and not vote on this matter. Mr. Nick Rose, engineer, presented Mr. Pena's sub-division. He answered questions for applicant raised in the county's letter of May 25 and the Borough Engineer's letter of May 11, 2006. Again, many items were missing from the plans. The applicant and his engineer were told to correct and add these items and re-submit plans in two weeks.
2. A request has been received from Ambler Savings and Loan to consider adding a new section to the drafted sign ordinance to permit large electrical signs with electronic message boards included. Mr. Narcowich will return

with model language from other municipalities. This will be restricted to downtown business district with very large street frontage.

3. Mr. Narcowich advised the county Open Space Committee approved our Open Space Plan. They would like language on the W. Maple Street reservoir and inquired if Council will have a standing Open Space Committee.

Mr. Mulroy moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Benigno
Planning Commission Secretary