

MINUTES

AMBLER BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

October 28, 2008

The October Meeting of the Ambler Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers located at 122 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Chairman Mr. Ware Presided.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Ware, Mr. LaGreca, Mr. Benigno, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Mulroy, Mr. Amento and Mr. Boccuti. Mr. Ennis, County Planner and Mr. Dougherty, Borough Engineer, also were in attendance.

Mr. Lagreca moved that the September 30, 2008 Minutes be approved with three corrections: New Business, 4th line, add “who” after “19422”; 7th line, change “199002” to “19002”; 2nd page, 1st line change “than” to “then.” Motion seconded, carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. No old business was carried over to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr..Aurand, Engineer, representing Precision Time Systems of 289 North Main Street presented a Land Development Plan to add a second floor office addition to a one-story non-conforming warehouse at the rear of 289 North Main Street. The Commission reviewed the Borough Engineer’s letter of October 20, 2008. Some background on the history of the property was discussed. It may be necessary for the owner to obtain a variance for additional parking which he cannot meet. There are nine employees at the business with no plan to increase the number of employees. The owner will receive information from the Code Enforcement Officer. We intend to discuss this at the November/December meeting.
2. The Commission reviewed the Draft Dumpster Ordinance. We suggested that a definition of “Dumpster” be included and that the ordinance should apply only to existing structures or renovations. With new construction, a contractor would apply directly to Code Enforcement for an extended permit. The County Planner will speak with the Solicitor on this issue.
3. The Commission reviewed the draft language for Park & Recreation Rules and compared the language to existing language in Code Chapter 16, Part 1, Park Rules.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Boccuti updated the Commission on the status of CAG talks on the Superfund Site on North Maple Street in Ambler Borough, Upper Dublin Township and Whitpain Township. CAG desired EPA to remove the material with a known process. It was explained that the Borough hired an environmental engineer in 1989 who submitted a detailed report which proved the scientific feasibility of removal, but the EPA turned down this approach stating it was too costly. Mrs. Baigis inquired as to how such material was deposited in three municipalities and it was explained that with industry at the turn-of-the-century, the owner of certain ground could use the ground for the purpose of dumping. It was not until 1971 that the state involved in issuing permits to dump on one's own property.
2. The Commission agreed to move the November-December 2008 meeting to December 9th. A memorandum will be sent to the Borough Manager.

Mr. LaGreca moved the Meeting be adjourned. Seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

George W. Benigno
Secretary
Ambler Borough Planning Commission