

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MARCH 22, 2017
(Approved April 26, 2017)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Ed Reitz, Peter Hiryak
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Ray Lopez
North Coventry Township – Bill Soumis
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski
Pottstown Borough – Dan Weand, Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township – Elwood Taylor, Gregory Churach
West Pottsgrove Township – Not represented
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Donna Fabry
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Zebrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Zebrowski did a roll call and all were represented with the exception of West Pottsgrove Township.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of February Meeting Minutes

Mr. Woessner moved to approve the February 22, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Weand moved to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Circuit Rider Update

Michael Lane, Pottstown Region Recreation Coordinator, provided an update of his recent coordinator activities. Mr. Lane noted that has been working on the Tri County Trail Study and on February 22 the Steering Committee discussed a presentation to the DVRPC. The DVRPC is integrating the Steering Committee and Chester County comments and the study will be sent to DCNR for review and approval. Trail segments were discussed and four trail segments were noted: two to be addressed immediately which are Kenilworth and Memorial Parks and to be addressed later were parks in West Pottsgrove and Lower Pottsgrove to connect to Upper Pottsgrove Township. Grant applications for Pottstown Memorial Park,

Gerald Richards Park and Douglass Park are due April 12. Mr. Lane discussed DCED grant applications for Hanover Meadows Park, Memorial Park and Douglass Park.

Mr. Lane noted the importance of support letters from the Committee and individual communities as they may aid in the award of grants.

7. Letter of Support – Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Lopez moved to approve the letter of support for the 2017 DCNR C2P2 Grant Application for the Gerald Richards Park Stormwater Improvements and Athletic Field Reconstruction. Mr. Weand seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted the current mini-grant round is open and applications are due March 31.

9. Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

Ms. Fabry noted that after some research it has been determined that the UCC Board of Appeals may not be a good fit for this Committee to address collectively as there would be the need for a Solicitor and the transfer of funds would be necessary when there is an appeal. Ms. Fabry noted that the communities could partner with other communities if they prefer. Mr. Taylor expressed interest in having Upper Pottsgrove partner with another community and Mr. Lopez noted he would check with Lower Pottsgrove Township to see if they have interest.

10. Traffic Study Update

Ms. Fabry noted that at next month's meeting there will be a guest speaker from DVRPC and noted the Traffic Study will begin July 2017 and end June 2018. DVRPC is providing assistance to wrap up the Tri County Trail Study.

11. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted there is nothing new to report for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted there is nothing new to report for East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Lopez noted there is nothing new to report for Lower Pottsgrove Township.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted there is nothing new to report for New Hanover Township.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Soumis noted that Gabe's Store opened at North Coventry Mall and it was a success.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted there is nothing new to report for Pottstown Borough.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted that a developer will provide interconnecting access in West Pottsgrove and Upper Pottsgrove to provide additional access to Upland Square and there will be three or four commercial projects at Upland Square and Route 100.

West Pottsgrove Township

No representative was present.

12. School District Updates

Boyertown Area

No one was present.

Owen J. Roberts

No one was present.

Pottsgrove

No one was present.

Pottstown

No one was present.

13. MCPC Update

No new update.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Reitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Weand seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary