

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2013

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on June 26, 2013. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Gordon Whitlock, West Pottsgrove Township; Alyson Elliott, Lower Pottsgrove Township; N. Lance Parson and Michael Albert Moyer, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney, Pottstown Borough; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township.

Meredith Curran – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Reitz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Reitz did a roll call. North Coventry Township was not represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the April 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Whitlock moved to approve the April 24, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. June Treasurer's Report

Mr. Toroney moved to approve the June Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$115,759.28. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee Meeting

Ms. Curran provided an update of the Subcommittee Meeting held earlier this evening. Ms. Curran noted that the meeting focused on the mini grants program and grant applications are due September 6. Six (6) municipalities have signed on for the Regional Recreation Coordinator so they will be moving forward with that. Pottstown Health and Wellness has agreed to pick up the monies for the 7th position so the participating municipalities' contributions will remain the same.

6. Review of Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the draft Natural and Historic Resources and Existing Land Use Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan.

7. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that Wawa is continuing with their development plans.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Parson noted that East Coventry Township is doing an informal sketch review of a small development in the township. Mr. Moyer stated that Dave Kraybill was at a recent East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors meeting to provide information regarding the Regional Recreation Coordinator and the Board voted to not participate in the hiring of a Regional Recreation Coordinator. Also, Mr. Moyer noted that the East Coventry Township Board voted to not contribute to the July 4 fireworks display for coming years but Mr. Moyer suggested the township put a link on their website regarding the fireworks and donations and he will discuss this item with the East Coventry Township Board.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Ms. Elliott noted that the Lower Pottsgrove Township Planning Commission has been busy and a sketch for the high school expansion has been received. A medical group is proposing to utilize the former Rite-Aid/Eckert building. Ms. Elliott also noted several prospective large projects, Spring Valley Farm for 265 homes and a project on Evergreen Road for 400 multi-family homes, a hotel and a daycare. There is also the potential for industrial and retail projects.

New Hanover Township

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

North Coventry Township

No one was present from North Coventry Township to provide an update.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that a Family Dollar will be moving into the old Rosenberry's site. A conference call will be held with the county to discuss the Keim Street Bridge and Mr. Toroney noted that there is some historical value in the bridge because of the open trusses. Mr. Toroney stated that a study is being done regarding safe routes to schools by way of walking/biking.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted that Ryan Homes is taking over the THP project.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Whitlock noted that West Pottsgrove Township has installed new LED lights which will cut the township's electric bills by 1/3 saving the township \$40,000/year.

8. 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.

9. MCPC Update

No further updates from the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Whitlock moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary