

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
JUNE 28, 2017
(Approved September 27, 2017)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on June 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Ed Reitz
East Coventry Township- Not represented
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township – Bill Soumis
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski
Pottstown Borough – Not represented
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Gregory Churach, Elwood Taylor
West Pottsgrove Township – Dominic Gentile
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Donna Fabry
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mr. Zebrowski did a roll call and all were represented except for East Coventry Township and Pottstown Borough.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of May Meeting Minutes

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the May 24, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Mr. Gentile seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Adaptive Reuse of Institutional Properties – Sarah Richardsen, Design Planner, MCPC

Sarah Richardsen, Design Planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission, provided a presentation regarding adaptive reuse of institutional properties. Items covered were the reuse of schools, hospitals, churches and government buildings. Examples of local reuse projects were highlighted and discussed.

7. Circuit Rider/Recreation Committee Quarterly Report – Michael Lane

Michael Lane was present to provide a quarterly update of his Circuit Rider activities. Nine grants for a requested amount of \$1M are pending through the DCED and DCNR for various park projects. Parks and playgrounds in the area are being reviewed. The Recreation

Committee is to meet with legislative representatives to get their support with grants. A meeting with PADOT needs to take place to discuss issues with the train tracks on Route 100 near Shoemaker Road. Mr. Lane met with representatives of the Colebrookdale Railroad to discuss some items. Meetings needed to be scheduled with a few landowners in West Pottsgrove to discuss extending the park trails. The Tri County Trails Study had its last public meeting and the report should be prepared by late July or early August.

8. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted there is no new update.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

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

East Coventry Township

No representatives were present.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

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

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted there was a lengthy Planning Commission meeting regarding the Town Center.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Soumis noted there is nothing new to report for North Coventry Township.

Pottstown Borough

No representatives were present.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted there is nothing new to report for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Gentile noted that Gambone Development met with the DEP regarding the sewer hookup for the Upland Square project.

10. 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.

11. MCPC Update

No new report.


12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Reitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary