

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on September 25, 2013. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz and Anthony Kuklinski, Douglass Township; Gordon Whitlock, West Pottsgrove Township; Alyson Elliott, Lower Pottsgrove Township; N. Lance Parson, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney, Pottstown Borough; and Rebekah Elliott and David Mariano, North Coventry Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
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 7:05 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Reitz did a roll call. New Hanover Township and Upper Pottsgrove Township were not represented.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**4. Review of the June 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Whitlock moved to approve the June 26, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation (PAHWF)**

Ms. Curran noted that the sub-committee had a meeting this evening and gave an update on the grants. Ms. Curran noted that PAHWF received five (5) grant applications. Grant selection is to take place this Monday and then forwarded to DCNR for selection. The next round of applications will be in January.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Whitlock moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports, July with a balance of \$115,772.60, August with a balance of \$115,688.30 and September with a balance of \$115,702.56. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Review of Comprehensive Plan Update**

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the draft Community Facilities Plan, Future Land Use Chapter and the Future Land Use Plan. Further discussion will take place at the October meeting.

**8. 2014 Budget**

There was a discussion regarding reducing the municipality contribution amount for the 2014 budget.

Mr. Reitz moved to keep the municipality contribution at \$3,000.00 for the 2014 budget. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The draft budget is to be revised with more break-out categories and will be reviewed at the October meeting.

**9. Keystone Boulevard Project**

Mr. Whitlock noted that West Pottsgrove Township and Pottstown Borough met to discuss extending Keystone Boulevard to Grosstown Road. The area is to be developed for business.

**10. DVRPC Transportation Assets Management Project**

Mr. Cover and Ms. Curran will be attending a meeting with DVRPC on September 26 and they will inquire about what DVRPC is doing and the usefulness of such.

**11. Municipal Updates**

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that that the Wawa project is progressing. Mr. Reitz also noted the Hallowell tract project is progressing and Gambone is proposing a project on Holly Road behind the Giant.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Parson noted that the East Coventry Township Planning Commission reviewed a sketch plan for 80 townhomes and noted that the plan allows for a large portion of open space.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Ms. Elliott noted that the Lower Pottsgrove Township plans to present a fiscal impact traffic study to the commissioners so traffic impact fees can be assessed. Ms. Elliott also noted various project in Lower Pottsgrove Township. Other items being discussed are proposed zoning changes, interchange area development and potential retail on Armand Hammer Boulevard.

New Hanover Township

No one was present from New Hanover Township to provide an update.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Mariano noted that the proposed hotel development in North Coventry Township has withdrawn their conditional use application.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that the Patient First project is progressing and the Family Dollar will move into the McCabe's site on Hanover Street.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

No one was present from Upper Pottsgrove Township to provide an update.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Whitlock noted that there is nothing new to report for West Pottsgrove Township.

**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**

The October meeting will be held at the Lower Pottsgrove Township building. The November/December meeting will be held December 5.

**14. Public Comment**

Mr. Toroney noted that the airport days will be held Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mr. Whitlock noted the Goodwill Fire Company will have a charity event from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on October 6 and the proceeds will be used for providing those with eyeglasses who cannot afford them.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Whitlock moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary