

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
(Approved October 25, 2017)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Not represented
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township – Bill Soumis, Jim Marks
New Hanover Township – Not represented
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Gregory Churach, Elwood Taylor
West Pottsgrove Township – Not represented
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Donna Fabry
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mr. Procsal did a roll call and all were represented except for Douglass Township, New Hanover Township and West Pottsgrove Township.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of June Meeting Minutes

Mr. Soumis moved to approve the June 28, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marks moved to approve the July, August and September Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of the 2018 Budget and the Contract Renewal was tabled for a vote. Mr. Soumis suggested the budget items be e-mailed to the municipalities for local action.

6. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Update regarding Pending Legislation

Ms. Fabry noted House Bill 1620 which strips municipalities of their zoning rights over wireless facilities. The group agreed to have Ms. Fabry send the individual municipalities a letter and for those not in favor of House Bill 1620 can send the letter to their legislatures. Ms. Fabry noted that PSATs and PSAB have expressed opposition to this legislation.

7. DVRPC Traffic Study Update

The DVRPC is waiting for the completion of the Tri County Trail Master Plan to continue with the work of the Traffic Study.

8. Circuit Rider/Recreation Committee Report

Michael Lane noted that the trail study will be completed before the end of October. The DCNR has awarded a \$60,000 grant for the pre engineering work for the implementation of the trail segments in the trail study. The contract for this work may not exceed \$60,000.

Mr. Soumis moved to sign the contract associated with the \$60,000 DCNR grant for the pre engineering for the implementation of the trail segments in the trail study. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted that the distribution of the grant funds is status quo and the projects are being worked on. Ms. Fabry noted that the PMRPC absorbed \$5,078.53 of the predesign and engineering costs of the four trail segments in West Pottsgrove Township, Pottstown Borough, Upper Pottsgrove and North Coventry Township.

Mr. Taylor moved to move \$5,078.53 from the Mini Grant Fund to the Money Market Fund. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

No representatives were present.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner said they are reviewing an old 12-lot subdivision plan and also noted that the new elementary school is under roof.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that the Spring Valley project (178) has begun land construction and building we begin in January. Sanatoga Green is going through the approvals process. The status of the Ringing Hill Orchard is unknown at this time.

New Hanover Township

No representatives were present.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks stated that the funding for the Public Works garage has been received and noted that the mall approached the township about putting a municipal complex at the old Carmike Theatre site. Mr. Marks noted the township is working on an ordinance to address chickens.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal stated that the Carousel event went well. The Brick House will become an Asian restaurant as the PNC building has new investors.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

No representatives were present.

11. 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.

12. MCPC Update

Ms. Fabry noted that MCPC is doing a bike plan survey and the information has been sent to the municipal offices.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary