

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
APRIL 26, 2017
(Approved May 24, 2017)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Ed Reitz, Peter Hiryak
East Coventry Township- Michael Moyer, Walter Woessner
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Not represented
North Coventry Township – Bill Soumis, Jim Marks
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Gregory Churach
West Pottsgrove Township – Dominic Gentile
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Donna Fabry, John Cover
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mr. Moyer did a roll call and all were represented except Lower Pottsgrove, noting that Pottstown Borough arrived at 7:05 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of March Meeting Minutes

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

5. Treasurer's Report

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

6. Regional Traffic Study Presentation – Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

David Anderson, Manager, Office of Transportation and Corridor Studies and Keith Hartington, Senior Transportation Planner provide a presentation of the Regional Traffic Study. Items covered were:

- Potential Study Area – proposed area is New Hanover Township where there will be developmental impact
- Prior Regional Traffic Study – PA 29 and PA Turnpike overview
- Next Step

- Proposed development – estimating traffic utilizing the Trip Generation Handbook
- Proposed development – trip generation
- Proposed development – traffic assignment
- Project overview – 2 year DVRPC work program project
 - FY2018 – Data collection
 - FY2019 – Corridor Traffic Study

Questions posed:

Mr. Soumis asked if the prior models worked and the response was that DVRPC does not do a study determining before and after results.

Mr. Woessner asked if the PA29 project was implemented and it was noted that the study was completed just recently.

Mr. Zebrowski asked if the study could be considered a legally verified study and it was noted that the studies are reviewed by experts.

Mr. Cover stated that DVRPC's help is needed to identify priorities and traffic impacts on a regional basis.

7. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted that the process is to meet with the grants committee in early May and Ms. Fabry noted that three project applications have been received.

8. Circuit Rider/Recreation Committee Update

Ms. Fabry noted that the Circuit Rider, Michael Lane, had his 6-month review and it was positive. Mr. Hiryak added that the review participants felt confident the right person for the job was selected and noted that Mr. Lane is knowledgeable, enthusiastic and has good grant writing skills. Ms. Fabry noted the mixer event held last Tuesday.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that an application was received for a storage facility. Mr. Hiryak noted that the low bidder for the new maintenance building was Hollenbach for \$1.17M, the building will be 48'x100' and construction is to begin mid-May to be completed within 6 months.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that the East Coventry Planning Commission cancelled their April meeting due to lack of activity.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

No representative was present.

New Hanover Township

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

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that North Coventry Township is almost finished with their sign ordinance and will be advertised soon.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted that the Beech Street apartments will have an open house.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Churach noted that Upper Pottsgrove Township completed their annual litter clean up.

West Pottsgrove Township

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

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

Ms. Fabry noted the 50th Year of the Montgomery Awards is coming up and asked those interested to contact her for further details.

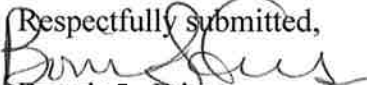
Ms. Fabry suggested that the Committee discuss the summer meeting schedule at next month's meeting. Mr. Cover suggested the Committee may want to consider only taking off one month due to the Committee's activity level.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary