

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2015

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on January 28, 2015. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz and Peter Hiryak, Douglass Township; Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney and Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Bill Soumis, North Coventry Township; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; and Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission
Donna Fabry – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Zebrowski called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Reitz did a roll call and municipalities were represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Introduction of New Members

Bill Soumis of North Coventry Township introduced himself.

5. Reorganization of Leadership

Mr. Toroney moved to have Mr. Zebrowski as Chair. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woessner moved to have Mr. Moyer as Vice Chair. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Toroney moved to have Mr. Procsal as Treasurer. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The group agreed to have Ms. Frisco as Recording Secretary.

6. Review of the December 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes and the January Treasurer's Report

Mr. Procsal moved to approve the December 4, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Toroney moved to approve the January Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$75,023.44. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Introduction of Donna Fabry

Mr. Cover introduced Donna Fabry, new MCPC Community Planner.

8. Regional Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Cover noted that he and Ms. Curran met with North Coventry regarding their concerns and Ms. Curran reviewed all the details for all the municipalities. There was a review of the list of revisions. It was suggested that the Land Use Plan show more detail, street names, etc. It is difficult to identify the locations on the map. There was a discussion of the new proposed changes.

9. DVRPC Tri-County Transportation Project Ideas – Trails Project

A meeting with DVRPC and Justin Keller took place. Ms. Fabry noted an in-kind match towards the DCNR grant for a master plan of the region’s trails, trail development and trail connection. Ms. Fabry will have more information at the next meeting.

10. Development of Regional Significance – East Coventry Township – Whispering Woods

There was discussion regarding an 80-townhouse development on 35 acres in East Coventry Township. The project was found to be generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

11. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hyriak noted that there is no new update for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that Chester County is looking at installing the trail through East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted they did not have a Planning Commission meeting in January. They are looking at their Comprehensive Plan and they are meeting with Limerick regarding the Route 422 interchange.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski that development of the airport property is coming back with plans with a different developer proposing homes and commercial.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Soumis noted that the CVS plans were approved and they will start in March.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that the Bicentennial is continuing and the main event for September 13 is opening of the time capsule buried in 1965 at High and Hanover Streets.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted a significant project consisting of apartment complexes. Mr. Cover suggested Upper Pottsgrove look at their conservation districts and consider implementing traffic impact fees.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine 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

Mr. Cover noted that the Greenway Study. A steering committee is to be established and there will be a meeting at the Perkiomen Valley School District on April 30 and it was suggested that either the March or April meeting be cancelled.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Reitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary