

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on February 25, 2015. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz and Peter Hiryak, Douglass Township; Renee Spaide, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney and Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Bill Soumis and Jim Marks, North Coventry Township; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; and Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township.

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 7:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of January Meeting Minutes

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the January 28, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the February Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$74,960.18. Ms. Spaide seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Overview of Proposed Trails Master Plan Project – Resolution Request for DCNR Grant

Justin Keller was present and gave an overview of the DCNR grant information and funding for the Trails Master Plan Project.

Ms. Spaide moved to approve the resolution for the submission of the grant application to DCNR for the Trails Master Plan Project. Mr. Valentine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. DVRPC Presentation of Transportation Management Tool Update

Jerry Coyne and Christopher Pollard of the DVRPC were present to provide a demonstration of the Transportation Management Tool and provided an update of some of the revisions they are making to the program. It was recommended that training sessions for staff be scheduled.

Mr. Coyne will contact the municipal representatives to arrange the training. Mr. Coyne also noted that an operating manual is being written.

8. Regional Comprehensive Plan

There was an overview of the changes made to the Comprehensive Plan and discussion regarding new issues/concerns. It was noted that an additional public comment period may need to take place due to additional changes.

9. Overview of Requirements Triggering Regional Review for Ordinances and Land Development

Ms. Fabry provided an outline of requirements that trigger regional review of ordinances and land development. There was a brief discussion.

10. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hyriak noted that there are no new updates for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted there are no new updates for East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that Lower Pottsgrove is considering changing their sign ordinance.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted that there are no new updates for New Hanover Township.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that North Coventry is considering changing their sign ordinance. Also noted was a new plan for a church at Route 724 and Keim Street and he also noted that CVS will start construction in March.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that Montco is building dorms in Pottstown. Also noted was that Pottstown is updating their ordinances proposing increasing parking requirements.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Ms. Spaide noted that there are no new updates for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that there are no new updates for West Pottsgrove Township.

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 a county initiative called “Walk Montco” and encouraged interested municipalities to participate. The program includes walkability studies, access to schools, transportation, etc.

Ms. Fabry asked the account signers if they could make an appointment to go to the bank.

Ms. Fabry asked the group to review the member directory and make changes if needed.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Ms. Spaide seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary