

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on March 26, 2014. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz and Peter Hiryak, Douglass Township; Renee Spaide and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Michael Albert Moyer and Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney, Pottstown Borough; Jim Marks, North Coventry Township; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township; and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover 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. Zebrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Zebrowski did a roll call. Lower Pottsgrove Township was not represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the February 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Toroney moved to approve the February 26, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation

Ms. Curran provided an update of the Recreation Subcommittee meeting held prior to this evening's PMPRC meeting. Ms. Curran noted that there was discussion regarding the Recreation Coordinator position and noted that there is one more round of grants that are due soon and anyone interested can still submit their information.

6. Jerry Coyne, DVRPC – Transportation Asset Management Project

Jerry Coyne and Sean Lawrence of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) were present to provide an update of the DVRPC Transportation Asset Management Project. Mr. Coyne noted that they have developed an internet based GIS system and it is available on the internet. Mr. Lawrence provided a brief presentation of the different types of information that can be found in the database and how municipalities can add/update their information. Mr. Coyne suggested that training be provided to the municipalities for their use of the database. Mr. Coyne suggested the Township Managers contact him to schedule trainings.

7. Issue of Regional Significance

Douglass Township- Zern Property Townhome Development

This item will be tabled until which time the plan has been submitted to the Douglass Township Planning Commission.

East Coventry and North Coventry – Fairway Farm Residential Development

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the Fairway Farm residential development in East Coventry and North Coventry. Ms. Curran noted that the plan is consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

8. Comprehensive Plan

Economic Development Chapter

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the revised Economic Development Chapter. Comments were noted and Ms. Curran will address.

Future Land Use Chapter

Ms. Curran noted that the revised Future Land Use Chapter was sent and if anyone has any comments please forward them to her.

It was recommended that each of the municipality Planning Commissions review each of the chapters and provide comment to the PMRPC.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted that Wawa is still proceeding and is going to the Planning Commission with revised final plans and also noted that the Zern Tract will be bringing plans to the Planning Commission.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that there was nothing additional to add for East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

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

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted that the Perkiomen Valley Academy property will remain as recreational and noted that the township building and police building locations will remain the same.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that there is nothing new to report for North Coventry Township.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that the Council will have a conditional use hearing for the old Fecera's property and housing is being proposed.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted that a project of regional significance proposing fifty eight (58) homes and the plan will be coming to the Upper Pottsgrove Planning Commission.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that the West Pottsgrove Planning Commission is reviewing the County Comprehensive Plan and the Pottstown Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the March Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$151,844.44. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Cover noted that the MCPC will be unveiling their model sign ordinance on April 24, 2014 at the Plymouth Township building. Mr. Cover noted that Ms. Curran authored the model ordinance.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Toroney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary