

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2015

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on April 22, 2015. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Renee Spaide and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Bill Soumis, North Coventry Township; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove 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. Procsal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Procsal did a roll call and all municipalities were represented except for New Hanover Township.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of March Meeting Minutes

Mr. Woessner moved to approve the March 25, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Spaide moved to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

6. Planning Assistance Invoice from MCPC

There was a MCPC assistance invoice for the amount of \$9,585.00 presented for approval but will be tabled because every municipality is not represented.

7. Consistency Review of Pottstown Borough's Proposed Zoning Amendments

There was discussion of the proposed Zoning Amendments for Pottstown Borough. The amendments address bed and breakfasts, dwelling types and amended definitions for Boarding Home, Dwelling, Group Home, Hotel/Motel, Rooming House and Single Family Dwelling, as well as amendments to the Traditional Town Neighborhood (Conservation) District. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

8. Regional Comprehensive Plan

Pottstown Borough requested a note be placed in the plan for a community pool in the Borough and it was agreed such comment will be added. Adoption of the Regional

Comprehensive Plan by the member municipalities will be scheduled for June and will be advertised accordingly.

9. Mini-Grant and Circuit Rider Update

Mr. Taylor moved to approve the Memo of Understanding with the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study Kick-Off Meeting – April 30

Ms. Fabry reminded the group about the Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study Kick-Off Meeting on April 30.

11. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that Wawa is progressing and Turkey Hill is working on their Traffic Study.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that East Coventry Township is still working on the preliminary plan for 80 townhomes.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted Spring Valley Farms is going through the planning process.

New Hanover Township

No one was present.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Soumis noted that the CVS project has been delayed.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted that the Borough will be working with a company called Community Champions to deal with blighted properties.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted there are no new updates for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that the Men's Warehouse has opened at Upland Square and there are plans for a specialty coffee drive-thru and plans for a business next to Chili's.

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

Ms. Fabry noted that at the Recreation Committee meeting there was discussion regarding including Douglass Berks in the Circuit Rider Program. New Hanover has shown interest in joining the Circuit Rider program. The group felt that bringing on communities outside of the PMRPC would create too much work for Mr. Keller.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment

Ms. Spaide moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary