

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on April 23, 2014. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz and Peter Hiryak, Douglass Township; Renee Spaide and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney and Ryan Procsal, 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 March 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the April Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$154,767.92. Ms. Spaide 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 the Recreation Coordinator position has been advertised and a few applications have already been received. Ms. Curran noted that the mini-grants third and final round is due June 2, 2014 and encourage everyone to submit requests.

Mr. Cover noted that the county is the recipient of the grant for the stewardship plan and the application is complete and will come before the DCNR. An oversight committee will need to be formed and one person from the PMRPC will be selected for such committee.

**6. Comprehensive Plan**

Comments on Future Land Use or Economic Development Chapter

No further comments were provided at this time but if anyone has further contact they may contact Ms. Curran.

#### Parks and Open Space Chapter – Inventory and Goal Setting

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the Parks and Open Space Chapter and reviewed the goals and asked the municipalities to send any revisions they may have.

Mr. Taylor of Upper Pottsgrove Township noted an issue Upper Pottsgrove is having with PennDot with getting road clearance for pedestrian trail crossing. Mr. Cover suggested that Mr. Taylor utilize the resources of the Montgomery County Planning Commission for this issue.

### **7. Municipal Updates**

#### Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted that Wawa is still proceeding at Route 100 and Grosser Road. The 110 single family home project on the Hallowell tract received preliminary plan approval and also noted a townhouse development planned for the Zern tract.

#### East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that there was nothing new to report 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 there was nothing new to report for New Hanover Township.

#### North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that CVS has submitted an application for a stand-alone store at the old Longhorn Steakhouse site. Mr. Marks also noted that they had a hearing for the overlay and the hearing was continued to May 27, 2014 at which time the Board plans to make a decision.

#### Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that the Beech Street project will have to go to Zoning and also noted that Video Ray is being utilized for the sunken ferry in Korea.

#### Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor made note of an organization that is coming to Upper Pottsgrove Township which educates children about environmental activities and Mr. Taylor also noted that DVRPC representatives came to the township office and provided an overview of the road surveys GIS system and provided clear instructions and Mr. Taylor and township staff found the program easy to work with.

#### West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that there was nothing new to report for West Pottsgrove Township.

## **8. 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.

## **9. MCPC Update**

Mr. Cover noted that the MCPC will be unveiling their model sign ordinance on April 24, 2014 at the Plymouth Township building between 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Mr. Cover noted that Ms. Curran co-authored the model ordinance.

Mr. Cover noted that Montgomery County has an awards program every year and they have expanded the categories this year and he suggested that nominations be submitted for the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional. Mr. Toroney suggested possibly Video Ray or the mini golf course.

## **10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **11. Adjournment**

Mr. Toroney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Spaide seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary