

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 27, 2015

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on May 27, 2015. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Renee Spaide, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Steve Toroney, Pottstown Borough; Bill Soumis and Jim Marks, North Coventry Township; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove 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 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of April Meeting Minutes

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the April 22, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Spaide seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Zebrowski abstaining.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

6. Consistency Review – Pottstown Borough (Proposed Zoning Amendments)

There was review of proposed Zoning Amendments for Pottstown Borough. Exception criteria and new special exception revisions are proposed.

7. Development of Regional Significance – Douglass Township (Donnelly Tract)

There was a discussion regarding proposed development in Douglass Township (the Donnelly Tract). The project proposes 44 single family homes, total tract is 84.98, and proposed open space is 67.45 acres.

Development of Regional Significance – New Hanover (Gibraltar Rock Quarry)

There was discussion regarding the Gibraltar Rock Quarry in New Hanover Township. The proposed project is zoned HI and LI and is on 218 acres. The quarry would have access from Big Road. A new DEP Mining Permit will need to be obtained.

8. Regional Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Fabry asked for approval for the expense of the advertising for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Spaide moved to approve the advertising expense for advertising for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mini-Grant and Circuit Rider Update

Ms. Fabry noted the Memorandum of Understanding between the PMRPC and PAHWF.

Mr. Troutman noted that he would like to see Justin Keller provide a compilation of events in the region and make the information easily available.

It was requested that Justin Keller provide quarterly updates to the PMRPC.

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

Two representatives from the region will be needed for the Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study.

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 there is nothing new to report for East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted Spring Valley Farms is going through the planning process. There is a groundbreaking at Sunnybrook on June 12.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted the township village area at the old airport site and noted that most of the development will be on Swamp Pike.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks asked if Douglass Township and Pottstown Borough would allow Colbrookdale RR signs in their municipalities and they agreed to that.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that Family Dollar is moving forward and the Fecera's project is moving forward and they got the grant.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Ms. Spaide noted that there is nothing new to report for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

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

Ms. Fabry noted that she is working on the Pottstown Sustainability Plan.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment

Ms. Reitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary