

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 28, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on May 28, 2014. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Walter Woessner and Michael Albert Moyer, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney and Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township; and Shawn Watson, Lower Pottsgrove 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. Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Moyer did a roll call. Upper Pottsgrove Township, North Coventry Township and New Hanover Township were not represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the April 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Toroney moved to approve the April 23, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the May Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$154,690.81. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation

New Parks Promotion Opportunity – On Your Park, Get, Set, Go!

Ashley Pultorak of Pottstown Area Health and Wellness provided an overview of the new parks promotion, On Your Park, Get, Set, Go! Ms. Pultorak noted that parks can be nominated in the month of July for prizes, which are 1st prize is \$10,000.00, 2nd prize is \$7,500.00 and 3rd prize is \$5,000.00. The award monies can be used for anything park related.

Final Mini-Grants Round

The final mini-grants round deadline is Monday, June 2. Everyone is encouraged to apply.

Recreation Coordinator Update

Ms. Curran noted that the Recreation Coordinator has been narrowed down to four applicants and interviews will occur in early June.

7. Comprehensive Plan

Parks and Open Space Draft Chapter – Establishing Municipal Specific Goals

Ms. Curran encouraged all to send any comments/updates they may have.

Transportation in the Region

Ms. Curran noted that the ‘Transportation in the Region’ chapter will be reviewed at next month’s meeting. Ms. Curran will forward the document.

8. Potential Letter of Support Requested from Pottstown

Ms. Curran noted that Pottstown has requested the Pottstown Regional Committee consider providing support of Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272 to allow the local use of radar as does the State Police.

Mr. Toroney moved that the Pottstown Regional Committee supports SB1340 and HB1272 to allow the use of radar by local enforcement as does the State Police. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted a townhouse development planned for the Zern tract and Wawa is approaching final plan approval.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted a cluster project spanning land in East Coventry and North Coventry and Parks and Recreation is working with the developer to align trails.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Watson noted a project close to finalization which is a 100,000 square foot box building, also noted was the addition of a restaurant. A 75-home development is planned for Bleim and Pleasantview Roads. The interchange project with Limerick is progressing.

New Hanover Township

There was no one present from New Hanover Township to present an update.

North Coventry Township

There was no one present from North Coventry Township to present an update.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that Manatawny Still Works (working with Sly Fox) will have their grand opening Friday at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Toroney noted that Daniel Guest has worked on getting the train station moved to Pottstown and provided a picture of the train station.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

There was no one present from Upper Pottsgrove Township to present an update.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that a diner will be moving into the old Tropical Treat site.

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 asked the Vice Chairman, Mr. Moyer, if he would sign the grant contract documents in the absence of the Chairman and Mr. Moyer agreed to sign the documents.

Mr. Cover noted that Collegeville Borough is holding a walkability exercise seminar will be held June 18, 2014, one session will be 4-6 pm and the other session 6-8 pm.

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.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary