

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on June 25, 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; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; Jim Marks, North Coventry Township; Elwood Taylor, Renee Spaide and Carol Lewis, Upper Pottsgrove Township; and Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township.

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 all municipalities are represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the May 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Toroney moved to approve the May 28, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the June Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$210,119.70. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Updates

Ms. Curran noted that an offer has been extended to the selected candidate for the Parks and Recreation Coordinator position and the offer has been verbally accepted.

Ms. Curran noted the consideration of transferring the DCNR grant funds to the SRGA.

Mr. Toroney moved to authorize the DCNR grant funds be transferred to SRGA. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Comprehensive Plan

Transportation in the Region

There was discussion regarding the Transportation in the Region portion of the Comprehensive Plan. It was suggested that something be added to the plan regarding Keystone Boulevard. Mr. Woessner noted discrepancies with East Coventry's functional

road classifications and Ms. Curran will revise accordingly. Ms. Curran noted that some of the projects listed may already be complete.

8. Potential Letter of Support Requested from Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust

Nathaniel Guest was present to provide an update of the Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation project. Mr. Guest noted that they are looking to start operation in October for the fall season and Christmas runs. Mr. Guest noted that there are infrastructure improvements that need to be completed. Mr. Guest noted that a \$1.4M grant has been received from PennDot and application has been made for a DCED grant. Mr. Guest noted the restoration project of the 1887 freight station and also on July 23 there will be an event for legislatures. Ms. Curran passed around the project report and noted that she will forward the project report to the Committee via e-mail.

Letter of Support

Mr. Moyer moved to provide a letter of support from the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee for the Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Project. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that a Turkey Hill and bank is proposed at the intersection of Route 73 and Gilbertsville Road.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted a Conditional Use Hearing for an 80-townhouse community at Old Schuylkill and Spiece Roads.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted the renovations to the Pottsgrove High School and that Lower Pottsgrove hired a new full time Building Inspector additionally noting that Kmart is closing.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted that there is nothing new to report for New Hanover Township.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that the North Coventry Board reviewed the traditional neighborhood district overlay and they decided to eliminate the center district and adopted the other two. Mr. Marks noted that the CVS project is coming along.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that the mini golf has opened and noted that the proposed housing project at the Fecera's site did not receive the credits for the project.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted a 50+ home development at Moyer Road and Route 100.

West Pottsgrove Township

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

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. Toroney moved to add the President of MCCC and the Headmaster of the Hill School to the PMRPC agenda distribution list. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Toroney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary