

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on August 27, 2014. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Walter Woessner, 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; 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 represented except for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the June 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Toroney moved to approve the June 25, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the July and August Treasurer's Reports with an ending balance of \$181,370.53. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Ms. Curran introduced Justin Keller the Parks and Recreation Coordinator and Mr. Keller provided the group with some information about himself.

7. Comprehensive Plan – Review of Draft Plan

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the major changes to the draft Comprehensive Plan.

8. Transportation Assets Management Project – Update and Information Requested by DVRPC

Ms. Curran provided an update regarding the Transportation Assets Management Project and the information provided by DVRPC for the packets.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that the Turkey Hill is proposing an overlay district.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted a Conditional Use Hearing for an 80-townhouse community at Old Schuylkill and Spiece Roads and also noted a proposed development of 26 townhomes that is in the preliminary process.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that Kmart is almost closed and also noted a 100,000 square foot shopping center next to Turkey Hill which is in the preliminary approval stage. Mr. Troutman also noted two proposed cell towers, and noted that a portion of the LI zoning district will be rezoned to Gateway Mixed Use and a Gateway Overlay. Also noted was the closing of the 422 eastbound exit to Armand Hammer Boulevard, expected to be closed starting September 30 for ninety (90) days.

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 CVS project is coming along.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that Family Dollar has asked for an extension due to delays with obtaining their Road Permit from PennDot and also noted that the Borough will be breaking ground for the municipal garage on Rice Street.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that the Rio Diner will not be moving into the old Tropical Treat site but the owner of the property is considering opening another restaurant at that site. Also noted was the lot next to Chili's will be developed.

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

Ms. Curran distributed new cost proposals for the Montgomery County Planning Commission contract. The committee agreed to keep the municipal contributions the same for 2015.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Zebrowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary