

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on September 24, 2014. Attending the meeting were Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Stephen Toroney and Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Ed Whetstone, West Pottsgrove Township; Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Jim Marks, North Coventry Township; and Tom Troutman, 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. Procsal called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Procsal did a roll call. New Hanover Township and Douglass Township were not represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the August 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Marks moved to approve the August 27, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the September Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$181,296.47. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mini-Grants Update: Status of 3rd Round Applications

Ms. Curran noted that five applications have been received for the 3rd Round of the Mini-Grants.

7. Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Curran provided an overview of the updates and revisions to the draft Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Curran provided an overview of the adoption process.

8. Contract Renewal

Mr. Toroney moved to approve and sign the new contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Pottstown Borough – Animal Control Officer

Mr. Toroney noted the possibility of having a regional Animal Control Officer. Mr. Toroney noted financial issues with the dog pound at Pottstown Borough and that owners are delaying the collection of their pets and waiting for their transport to a shelter to avoid paying the Pottstown Borough fees. Mr. Toroney suggested that if this service was handled on a regional level it could cut costs.

10. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

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

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted a Conditional Use Hearing for an 80-townhouse community at Old Schuylkill and Spiece Roads was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that a 100,000 square foot shopping center next to Turkey Hill received preliminary plan approval. Mr. Troutman also noted a hearing scheduled for a preservation overlay west of Pleasantville Road and north of Buchert Road.

New Hanover Township

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

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that North Coventry Township is hosting the Secretary of DCNR and will be providing them with a parks tour and overview of their Open Space Program.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that Pottstown Borough had its Pet Fair and the Carousel event. Also, the train is coming along and the grant was approved for the train station move but a \$250,000 match is needed. Mr. Toroney also noted that the Borough dinner is scheduled for tomorrow evening. Mr. Procsal noted that Airport Day is this weekend.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Whetstone noted that a grant has been received for the Flagg property and the surrounding properties. Mr. Whetstone also noted that two businesses will be moving next to Chili's at Upland Square. There is interest in 20 acres across from Upland Square and traffic studies are being done. Also noted was that West Pottsgrove is applying for a 2014 PECO Green Regional grant to blacktop the trail and add a fishing dock at Mantawny Road and Sell Road.

Mr. Taylor moved to send a letter of support from the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission for the 2014 PECO Green Region grant for West Pottsgrove Township

to blacktop the trail and add a fishing dock at Mantawny Road and Sell Road. Mr. Toroney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. 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.

12. MCPC Update

The October meeting will be held at North Coventry Township. Ms. Curran asked the Committee if they would like to have Brian O’Leary, County Planner, speak at the October meeting and the Committee was agreeable to that.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Toroney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary