

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2016
(Approved December 1, 2016)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on October 26, 2016. Attending the meeting were Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township; Ryan Procsal (Treasurer), Pottstown Borough; Dominic Gentile, West Pottsgrove Township; Jim Marks and Bill Soumis, North Coventry Township; Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Kurt Zebrowski (Vice Chair), New Hanover Township; Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Gregory Churach and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township.

Donna Fabry – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Zebrowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of September Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gentile moved to approve the September 28, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the October Treasurer Report. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. 2017 Budget Draft

Mr. Woessner moved to accept the proposed 2017 operating budget. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Greenway Study Presentation

The following individuals were present to provide a presentation of the Greenway Study:

- Eric Jarrell, Community Planning Assistant Section Chief, MCPC
- Rick Tralies, RLA, ASLA, Community Planner, Natural Lands Trust
- Kelsey Boyd, Landscape Planning Specialist and Hopewell Big Woods Coordinator, Natural Lands Trust

Mr. Jarrell provided an update of the overall study status, Mr. Tralies provided a review of the site assessments and Ms. Boyd reviewed the stewardship guide.

8. Circuit Rider Update

Ms. Fabry noted that the PMPRC received the ‘regional planning award’ for the circuit rider work. Ms. Fabry noted the new circuit rider is Michael Lane and he has met with Justin Keller to review the projects Mr. Keller was working on.

9. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted there was a meeting at Pottstown School District regarding the regional events calendar and noted that Pottstown School District has a grant through the Kellogg Foundation and noted a calendar of live events can be set up at pottstownfamilies.org in early 2017.

10. November/December Meeting Date – Thursday, December 1

Ms. Fabry reminded the Committee that the November/December meeting will be held Thursday, December 1.

11. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted there is nothing new to report for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that the new elementary school plans have not been recorded yet.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted the Spring Valley development (178 homes) is looking for final approval in November and the Sanatoga Green plan is being revised. Mr. Troutman noted that the Route 422 interchange westbound project and been awarded by PADOT.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted there was no Planning Commission meeting last month.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that recovery steps for the North Coventry Mall are taking place and a Gabe’s Department Store is planned for half of the old Sears site and three restaurants, medical use/fitness center space is being worked on.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted there is nothing new to report for Pottstown Borough.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted there is nothing new to report for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Gentile noted 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

No new update.

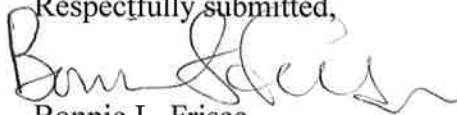
14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Procsal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary