

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on October 22, 2014. Attending the meeting were Walter Woessner and Michael Albert Moyer, East Coventry Township; Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township; Elwood Taylor and Renee Spaide, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Jim Marks, North Coventry Township; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; Ed Reitz, Douglass 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. Zebrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**4. Review of the September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the September 24, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Valentine, Ms. Spaide and Mr. Zebrowski abstaining.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the October Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$147,564.56. Ms. Spaide seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. County Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Brian O'Leary provided an overview of the proposed Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. A brief discussion followed.

**7. Regional Comprehensive Plan**

There was discussion regarding the next steps for adoption of the proposed Regional Comprehensive Plan. It was suggested that the member communities who have comprehensive plans compare them with the proposed Regional Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Curran and Mr. Cover offered to provide presentations to each of the communities regarding the proposed comprehensive plan. Proposed plans and summaries may be found on the website.

## **8. Municipal Updates**

### Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that Wawa is moving forward with their project and Turkey Hill is looking at an overlay at Swamp Pike and Gilbertsville Road.

### East Coventry Township

Mr. Moyer noted that there is nothing new to report for East Coventry Township.

### Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that the Ringing Hills Orchards closed and also noted that Kmart is being marketed. Mr. Troutman noted that there have been several development inquiries and also noted a public hearing scheduled for December 1 for a subdivision overlay at Buchert Road and Pleasantville Road.

### New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted upgrades to the Girl Scout property and noted that New Hanover Township is trying to encourage developers to build bike paths instead of fee in lieu of.

### North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that CVS is getting closer to final approval and they are looking to build a new Police Department and Public Works Department near the Lowe's.

### Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted that the Borough is starting a sustainability plan and they are looking to get the Carousel and Colbrookdale Railroad completed as soon as possible.

### Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted that Upper Pottsgrove is active with open space acquisition and trail building. An environmental organization called Students Against Violating the Environment (SAVE) are using one of the properties for their activities.

### West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that a comic book store and men's clothing store is moving to Upland.

## **9. 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.

**10. MCPC Update**

Ms. Curran congratulated those communities who received 3<sup>rd</sup> round grants and also noted that another grant has been received from DCNR and will be matched by Pottstown Health and Wellness. Mr. Zebrowski read a congratulatory letter from the Governor's office.

**11. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13. Adjournment**

Ms. Spaide moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary