

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2016
(Approved January 25, 2017)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their combined November and December meeting on December 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Anthony Kuklinski, Josh Stouch
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
New Hanover Township – Jaime Gwynn, Phil Agliano
Pottstown Borough – Dan Weand
Upper Pottsgrove Township – Elwood Taylor, Gregory Churach
West Pottsgrove Township – Dominic Gentile
Montgomery County Planning Commission – John Cover, Donna Fabry
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mr. Taylor did a roll call and all were represented except for North Coventry Township.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of October Meeting Minutes

Mr. Woessner moved to approve the October 26, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the November/December Treasurer Report. Mr. Gentile seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Circuit Rider Update – Michaël Lane, Pottstown Regional Recreation Coordinator

Michael Lane, Regional Recreation Coordinator, introduced himself and provided an overview of his background. Mr. Lane noted that he is meeting with townships. Mr. Lane noted there is funding for a facebook page and noted that the Pottstown School District will take over the 2017 events calendar. Mr. Lane provided an update of the spotted lantern fly quarantine.

7. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted that the first block of mini grants are being closed out.

8. Greenway Study Update

There was no new update.

9. Development of Regional Significance – New Hanover Town Square

Ms. Fabry provided an overview of the New Hanover Town Square project. The project includes 208.9 gross acres, with 63.29 acres of open space and 28.56 acres of non-residential. Proposed are 761 dwelling units, a grocery store, 3 restaurants, 2 office building and retail flex space. Mr. Cover suggested live and work development. There was a lengthy discussion regarding traffic concerns.

Mr. Weand moved to have DVRPC at the next meeting to discuss regional traffic. Mr. Kuklinski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Municipal Updated

Douglass Township

Mr. Kuklinski noted that Douglass Estates is in the second phase.

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 getting closer to approval and Sanatoga Green plan is moving along. Mr. Troutman noted that Ringing Hill Orchards has 88 acres for sale.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Gwynn noted the street dedications for Moyer Road. A development, Woodfield, is proposing 150 homes.

North Coventry Township

No representative present.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Weand noted the open house for the Pottstown Library is this Saturday.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted that an ongoing project dedication is completed.

West Pottsgrove Township

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

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

No new update.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary