

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MAY 25, 2016  
(Approved September 28, 2016)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on May 25, 2016. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Ryan Procsal (Treasurer) and Dan Weand, 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; Michael Moyer (Chair) and Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township; Gregory Churach and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
Donna Fabry – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Moyer did a roll call and all communities were not represented at the time but West Pottsgrove Township but Mr. Gentile arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**4. Review of April Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the April 27, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Woessner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Woessner noted the correction to the East Coventry Township update and noted that the elementary school letter of stipulations contained 28 pages instead of the previously noted 11 pages.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Gigabit Revolution Initiative Presentation – Kelly Lewis, Lewis Strategic**

The presenter was not present.

**7. Summer Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Troutman moved to forgo the meetings in June, July and August with the caveat that a meeting may be called by the Chairman if necessary. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Greenway Study Update**

Ms. Fabry noted that they are waiting to schedule the greenway study committee meeting.

**9. Circuit Rider Update**

Ms. Fabry noted that Justin Keller received a 6-month review and will provide an update of his activities at the September meeting.

**10. Mini-Grant Update**

Ms. Fabry reminded the municipalities that received awards to contact her.

**11. Municipal Updates**

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that the Donnelly tract got preliminary approval for a 10-lot project.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that the Zoning Officer did not approve the occupancy computations for the proposed elementary school and the school has decided to not appeal such decision.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted the Spring Valley development (178 homes) and the Sanatoga Green project. Mr. Troutman also noted that there has been interest shown in the old car dealership property on High Street. The Liberty Thrift is to open in June.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted there is nothing new to report for New Hanover Township.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that their Planning Commission cancelled their May meeting and also noted that North Coventry is working on their sign ordinance and basing the proposed ordinance on Montgomery County's ordinances. The Big Woods Festival had a great turnout.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted the Farmer's Market grand opening on May 26. Mr. Weand noted a final plan for the commercial portion of a project at Industrial and Hanover Streets has been approved. Also noted was that American Keg will be operating at 21 Robinson Street and they are the only manufacturer of beer kegs and they will have 17 employees with plans to add a second shift. Mr. Weand noted lack of funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and the group discussed cost sharing options.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Gentile noted the Fishing Rodeo on May 28 and Community Day on June 11. Also noted was that permission was given to move ahead with the preliminaries for the project at 1097 State Street.

**12. School District Updates**

Boyertown Area

No one was present.

Owen J. Roberts

No one was present.

Pottsgrove

Dave Nester of Pottsgrove School District was present.

Pottstown

No one was present.

**13. MCPC Update**

Ms. Fabry noted a request to keep track of the land developments and the group agreed that it would be a good idea for Ms. Fabry to provide updates every other month.

**14. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Gentile moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary