

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 27, 2016  
(Approved February 24, 2016)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on January 27, 2016. Attending the meeting were Ed Reitz, Douglass Township; Ryan Procsal, Pottstown Borough; Charlie Valentine and Dominic Gentile, West Pottsgrove Township; Elwood Taylor and Gregory Churach, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Jim Marks and Bill Soumis, North Coventry Township; Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; and Michael Moyer and Walter Woessner, East Coventry Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
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 municipalities were represented.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**4. Review of December Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Gentile seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Zebrowski abstaining due to their absence at the December 3, 2015 meeting.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the December and January Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Reorganization**

Ms. Fabry proceeded with the reorganization process.

Mr. Zebrowski moved to appoint Mr. Moyer to be the Chair. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Mr. Zebrowski to be the Vice Chair. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marks moved to appoint Mr. Procsal to be the Treasurer. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The group agreed to have Ms. Frisco as the Recording Secretary.

**7. Circuit Rider Update**

Ms. Fabry noted that there was a meeting prior to the PMRPC meeting and the presence of the Lantern Fly in South Coventry was noted. There is continued discussion regarding the trail alignments and Justin Keller is working on that.

**8. Mini Grant Update**

Ms. Fabry noted that all the mini grant applications have been submitted to DCNR.

**9. Regional Events Calendar Survey**

The Regional Events Calendar Survey is on hold till next month.

**10. Regional Traffic Impact Study**

It was noted that Kevin Tobias stated that New Hanover is still in sketch plan phase and revised plan will be coming in with substantial changes.

**11. Letter of Support – East Coventry Township Multi-Modal Proposal along Route 724**

Ms. Fabry read a draft letter of support for the Multi Modal Proposal along Route 724 in East Coventry Township. Mr. Soumis moved to approve the letter of support of the Multi Modal Proposal along Route 724 in East Coventry Township. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. Municipal Updates**

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted that Quigley Bus is to submit new plans.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that the 80-townhouse development received preliminary plan approval.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted the Sanatoga Green development on Evergreen Road proposing a multi-unit hotel and medical facility. Spring Valley on Saylor's Hill has not received PADOT approval as of yet. The Thriftway will be a Landis Market and a Post Office is a possibility. Mr. Troutman also noted that Lower Pottsgrove will have a .5 mill tax increase. They also have a new sign ordinance.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted that the first phase of the quarry has received approval with stipulations and an agreement that must go before the Board.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that they have been approached by a company that may be interested in purchasing the mall property but the meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted that the beer festival and the bike race have been approved. Mr. Procsal also noted that the Borough has been approached by a high speed internet company but it needs to be looked at to see if the Borough will benefit from the business venture.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Elwood noted he has nothing of regional significance to report.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Valentine noted that Starbucks and Aspen Dental will be opening at Upland Square.

**13. 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.

**14. MCPC Update**

Mr. Cover provided a Greenway Studies update. Mr. Cover noted that there will be a Steering Committee meeting the end of March. Mr. Soumis and Mr. Troutman are the representatives. Mr. Cover noted that the study is funded through a DCNR grant.

**15. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**16. Adjournment**

Mr. Reitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary