

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 25, 2017
(Approved December 7, 2017)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Ed Reitz, Peter Hiryak
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner, Michael Moyer
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township – Bill Soumis
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Elwood Taylor
West Pottsgrove Township – Dominic Gentile
Montgomery County Planning Commission
-Donna Fabry, John Cover, and Marley Bice
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

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 municipalities were represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of September Meeting Minutes

Mr. Woessner moved to approve the September 27, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Soumis seconded the motion. The motion carried with abstention by Mr. Zebrowski as he was not present at the September 27, 2017 meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gentile moved to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zebrowski moved to approve the contract renewal with the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC). Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Introduction of Marley Bice, MCPC Senior Planner

Ms. Fabry introduced Marley Bice to the group. Ms. Bice will be taking Ms. Fabry's place as the MCPC's representative to the PMRPC as Ms. Fabry has taken a different job position. Ms. Bice provided a brief introduction. Best wishes were expressed to Ms. Fabry.

7. DVRPC Traffic Study Update

Ms. Fabry noted a meeting has been set with DVRPC staff on November 13 to discuss the DVRPC Traffic Study Update. This project will start after the Tri County Master Plan is completed.

8. Circuit Rider/Recreation Committee Report

Ms. Fabry noted that Michael Lane, Circuit Rider, will be working with the contractors for the pre-engineering work on the Tri County Trail Project. Ms. Bice noted that the Recreation Board is looking into Pennvest grant opportunities for stream buffers. Ms. Fabry noted that the Recreation Board asked if the PMRPC would send a letter to legislatures to address the damage costs of the spotted lantern fly. Mr. Troutman moved to have a letter drafted from the PMRPC to legislatures to address the damage costs of the spotted lantern fly. Mr. Gentile seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mini-Grant Update

Ms. Fabry noted that the mini grants are status quo.

10. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted that Douglass Township's Public Works Building is nearing completion and the building is 80'x150' and cost \$1.2M.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted that the new elementary school is approaching completion and also noted that an 80-townhouse community will be breaking ground. Mr. Woessner noted a proposal received by a company named JJ Kane to put a large parking area (732 customer parking spaces) and equipment auction site at the intersection of Route 724 and Fricks Locks Road. JJ Kane has received a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board to put an auction at that site.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that the Spring Valley project (178 homes) is being constructed and noted Bleim Road closures.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted that the fire company has acquired a property and they are clearing ground for a new station. Also noted was the quarry hearings have ended and the Board of Supervisors is appealing the Zoning Hearing Board's decision. New Hanover Township is updating their Act 209 Study and Comprehensive Plan. A new light will be installed at the Swamp Pike and Fegleysville Road intersection and the traffic light should be completed and active by the end of November. Mr. Zebrowski noted that the intersection of Routes 663 and 73, the corner south of Hickory Park, will be getting road restriping and the lanes will be redone for preparation of the future traffic light.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Soumis noted there is nothing new to report for North Coventry Township.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted that a contractor is interested in the Ellis Mills building and proposed uses may be a group home or something similar to a Reading Terminal Market.

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.

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

Mr. Cover noted that the total grant monies spent on parks in the region is \$362,463 which is a good return on the municipalities' annual contributions for PMPRC membership.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Reitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary