

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 7, 2017  
(Approved January 24, 2018)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a meeting on December 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending were:** Douglass Township- Ed Reitz  
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner  
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman  
North Coventry Township – Bill Soumis, Jim Marks  
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski  
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal  
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Elwood Taylor, Greg Churach  
West Pottsgrove Township – No representative  
Montgomery County Planning Commission  
-Donna Fabry, John Cover, and Marley Bice  
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

**1. 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 municipalities were represented with the exception of West Pottsgrove Township.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**4. Review of October Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the October 25, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Soumis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

**5. 2018 Meeting Dates**

Mr. Procsal moved to approve and advertise the 2018 Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee meeting dates, the fourth Wednesday of each month except for the months of November and December where a combined meeting will be held on December 6, 2018. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at Pottstown Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

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

**7. DVRPC Tri-County Trails Master Plan Update**

Ms. Bice stated the Tri-County Trails Master Plan Update 2nd Phase is to present the engineering plans to the Recreation Committee in January.

**8. DVRPC Traffic Study Update**

Karen Whitaker, Transportation Planner for the DVRPC provided a Traffic Study Update. Items covered were: Project Description – Project Boundary – Context – Goals – Steering Committee (PMRPC, MCPC, PennDOT, SEPTA) – Tentative Work Programs for 2018/2019 – Project Timeline.

**9. Spotted Lanternfly Funding Letter Review**

Mr. Reitz moved to approve the letter regarding the Spotted Lanternfly Funding drafted by MCPC and copy the House, Senators and the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Woessner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Circuit Rider/Recreation Committee Report**

Ms. Bice noted the Recreation Committee is working to apply to Pennvest for grants relating to riparian buffers.

**11. Mini-Grant Update**

Ms. Bice noted that DCNR has \$100,000 for funding for a third round of grants that will be matched by Pottstown Health and Wellness and all communities may participate.

**12. Discussion of 2018 Work Items/Discussion Topics**

- January reorganization – appointment of new officers
- DVRPC traffic discussions – January meeting
- Natural Lands – Regional Greenway Stewardship Plan – February meeting
- Annual report

**13. Municipal Updates**

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted the Gambone mixed use project on Holly Road behind the Giant Store.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted the 80 townhouse development, Whispering Woods, broke ground.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted Bleim Road closures.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted the Fagleysville Road/Swamp Pike traffic light has been installed and is in operation.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Soumis noted that the construction **manager** for Coventry Mall, Penn Mark, is proposing a 30,000 square foot medical center at the **mall location** and a 7,000 square foot Anytime Fitness and Joanne Fabrics are moving in **the Coventry Mall** as well.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted the high tax increase in **Pottstown Borough** and noted that Nathaniel Guest is working on a train station rendering for **Memorial Park**.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

No representative.

**14. 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.

**15. MCPC Update**

No additional update.

**16. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**17. Adjournment**

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



**Bonnie L. Frisco**  
**Recording Secretary**