

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2019
(Approved December 5, 2019)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a meeting on October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Ed Reitz
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Not represented
North Coventry Township – Jim Marks
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Greg Churach
West Pottsgrove Township – Steve Miller
Montgomery County Planning Commission – John Cover, Marley Bice
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Reitz called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Reitz did a roll call and all municipalities were represented except for Lower Pottsgrove Township.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of the September Meeting Minutes

Mr. Woessner moved to approve the September 25, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Zebrowski abstaining due to his absence at the September 25, 2019 meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Churach moved to approve the October Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Review of the 2020 Budget

Mr. Procsal moved to approve the 2020 Budget with the proposed due from each municipality to remain at \$3,000.00. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion: North Coventry Township Draft Comprehensive Plan

There was review of the North Coventry Township Draft Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Cover suggested stronger language in relation to the PMRPC and recommended a copy of the Regional Map be placed in the Plan.

Mr. Reitz made a motion that North Coventry Township Draft Comprehensive Plan is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan and authorize a letter of support of the language and the map be sent to North Coventry Township. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Presentation: Montgomery County Complete Streets Policy

Andrew Besold, Transportation Planner II, MCPC, provided an overview of the Montgomery County Complete Streets Policy. The vision is to develop and maintain safe, accessible county-owned roads and facilities that support all users such as bicycle and pedestrian use. Key points are connecting communities, providing sustainable places and creating a vibrant economy. Bike Montco was adopted in August 2018 and the main objective is to increase bike trails. Mr. Besold noted there will be a Planning Smarter Event 2020 on complete streets.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Reitz noted there is nothing additional to report for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Woessner noted there is nothing additional to report for East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Nobody present for Lower Pottsgrove Township.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Zebrowski noted that New Hanover Township is working on their Comprehensive Plan.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted that there has been no movement on the Westmont sketch plan and noted that a new plan proposing 93 townhouses has been submitted for the location at Hoffecker Road and Route 100.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted the Halloween Parade.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Churach noted the Kummerer Tract received final approval from the Planning Commission and the developer provided a 30-day extension.

West Pottsgrove Township,

Mr. Miller noted there is nothing additional to report for West Pottsgrove Township.

10. 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.

11. MCPC Update

Ms. Bice noted the Memorial Park support letter was sent October 22. Ms. Bice noted the joint November/December PMRPC meeting scheduled for December 5. Mr. Cover noted he will reach out to Lower Pottsgrove Township for their vote on the 2020 Budget.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Procsal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary