

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MAY 27, 2020  
(Approved June 24, 2020)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a teleconference meeting on May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Soumis did a roll call and all municipalities were represented except for West Pottsgrove Township and Douglass Township.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**4. Review of the February Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Woessner moved to approve the February 26, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer’s Report**

Mr. Zebrowski moved to approve the March, April and May Treasurer’s Reports. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion: Review Location 1 & 7 from the “Pottstown Regional Traffic Analysis”**

Guests: David Adams, P.E. PennDOT District 6, Traffic Signals Sections Manager  
Matt Edmond, AICP, MCPC Transportation Planning Section Chief

**Location 1: Middle Creek Road & Congo Road (Douglass Township)**

Recommended Improvements:

- Evaluate all-way stop installation if surround parcels are developed
- Add shoulder striping on Middle Creek Road and north leg of Congo Road
- Add intersection advance warning signs on Congo Road
- Add stop bars
- Add LED street light to increase visibility
- Estimated cost \$10,000

**Location 7: High Street & Moser Road (Pottstown Borough)**

### Recommended Improvements:

- Do not allow left-turns into driveways on High Street
- Make bus stop shelter ADA accessible
- Create rear access to gas station through parking lots (requires owner buy-in and property easement)
- Consider closing west driveway to customers (required buy-in)
- Add Right Lane Ends advance warning sign
- Add 3-second LPI for east crosswalk
- Create left-turn or through lane (SR 4031-PSS)
- Moser Road south of intersection: sharrows and completed sidewalk connection to Industrial Highway (Schuylkill River Trail entrance)
- Keep stop bar back so it is clear left-turns onto Highland Avenue are permitted
- Stop bar moved forward and ADA ramps upgraded (SR 4031-PSS)

Mr. Edmond noted that Montgomery County is in the third year of the \$5 registration fee vehicle program, monies which are set aside for bridge and road improvements. Municipalities may apply for a portion of the monies and noted that the Moser Road/High Street intersection improvements may be a good candidate for such funding. These funds may not be used for State roads. The Montco 2040 Grant Program opens up Monday of next week until August-September with grant award in October. This would be a good option for the Middle Creek/Congo Road improvement costs as the County could contribute 80% of the project. It was recommended that Douglass Township be contacted to determine if they would like to apply to the grant program noted.

Mr. Adams noted that a signal permit will need to be obtained for the Moser Road/High Street project. Access issues at the gas station were discussed.

### **7. Zoning Map Amendment Review: Pottstown Borough KEEP Overlay District**

Mr. Zebrowski moved to approve the Pottstown Borough KEEP Overlay District as it is determined to be in general consistency with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **8. Review – Draft 2019 PMRPC Annual Report**

Mr. Marks moved to authorize distributing the Draft 2019 PMRPC Annual Report to those on the distribution list. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **9. Review: Resolution to Submit DCNR C2P2 Grant to Continue Mini-Grant Program**

The value of the grant monies is \$150,000 with a match of \$150,000 from Pottstown Area Health and Wellness for a total of \$300,00 for the purpose of park planning and improvements.

Mr. Zebrowski moved to approve the resolution to submit DCNR C2P2 Grant to continue the Mini-Grant Program. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **10. Municipal Updates**

#### Douglass Township

Nobody present for Douglass Township.

#### East Coventry Township

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

#### Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted there is nothing additional to report for Lower Pottsgrove Township.

New Hanover Township

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

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted there is nothing additional to report for North Coventry Township.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted that restaurants are doing well with takeout business.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township.

Nobody present 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**

Ms. Bice noted the High Street Corridor Study is being worked on by DVRPC and a virtual steering committee meeting is planned. Also noted was businesses having fundraisers to serve meals to first responders.

**13. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**14. Adjournment**

Mr. Marks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary