

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 28, 2020

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a teleconference meeting on October 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Douglass Township- Pete Hiryak
East Coventry Township- Walter Woessner, Michael Moyer
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 – Scott Hutt
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Danielle Baer, Mike Narcowich
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.

3. Review of the September Meeting Minutes

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the September 23, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Zebrowski abstaining due to his absence at the September 23, 2020 meeting. Amendment: add Mike Narcowich to the list of attendees.

4. Treasurer's Report

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

5. Review: 2021-2023 Planning Assistance Contract Renewal

Mr. Narcowich provided a review the Planning Assistance Contract Renewal. Mr. Zebrowski moved to approve the 2021-2023 Planning Assistance Contract Renewal for a cost of \$63,099.75 with annual municipality dues at \$3,000. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mini Grant Update

Thank you letter will be sent to DCNR on behalf of the PMRPC for the \$75,000 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program administered by the DCNR.

7. Presentation: Trail Access, Diversity, and Awareness Study Presentation

Donna Fabry, Senior Open Space Planner, Montgomery County Planning Commission, presented the Trail Access, Diversity and Awareness Study. Ms. Fabry provided a program overview covering Plan Study Areas, Existing Conditions, Findings, and Recommendations. Items noted were improve marketing of the trails, educate people on how to use the trails, and include additional amenities on and adjacent to trails.

Mr. Troutman asked about the Schuylkill Trail connecting to East Pottstown and Ms. Fabry noted that is being worked and they are moving ahead with those connections. Mr. Zebrowski suggested showing available parking to access to trails and Ms. Fabry noted they need to improve that on the maps.

8. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted it will take 2 years to complete the public works building and there are plans for a new EMS building which will house the police department and ambulance, cost to start at \$3.5M.

East Coventry Township

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

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that land clearing started at Sanatoga Green and Spring Valley has 1/3 of the sites available.

New Hanover Township

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

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted a proposal for the project at Route 100 and Hoffecker Road.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted there is nothing additional to report for Pottstown Borough.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

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

9. School District Updates: No one was present

10. MCPC Update

Ms. Baer noted that the Hill School submitted an application for a new dormitory with 4 floors and a basement. Mr. Narcowich noted the new business directory motivated by COVID that helps people find ways to businesses and the businesses' status, for example if they are open, offer takeout, etc. It was suggested the directory be presented at a PMRPC meeting.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary