

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MARCH 24, 2021  
(Approved April 28, 2021)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a meeting via teleconference on March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending were:** Douglass Township- Not represented  
East Coventry Township- Larry Tietjen  
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman  
North Coventry Township – Jim Marks, Bill Soumis  
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski  
Pottstown Borough – Dan Weand  
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Greg Churach, David Waldt  
West Pottsgrove Township – Pete LaRosa  
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Danielle Baer, 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 Douglass Township.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Weand moved to approve the March 2021 Treasurer's Report. Mr. LaRosa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Review: Draft 2020 PMRPC Annual Report**

Ms. Bice provided an overview of the 2020 PMRPC Annual Report. Mr. Zebrowski moved to authorize the distribution of the 2020 PMRPC Annual Report to the mailing list provided. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Annual Report will be posted on the PMRPC website.

It was noted that Michael Lane, Recreation Coordinator, is retiring. The process has begun to find a replacement. Mr. Weand moved to draft a letter of appreciation for Mr. Lane and thank him for his help with the various municipalities. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. High Street Corridor Study Update**

Ms. Baer provided an overview of the High Street Corridor Study. Corridors discussed were Stowe: Quarry Road to College Drive; Downtown: College Drive to Adams Street; Hobart's Run: Adams Street to Keim Street; Pottstown Hospital: Keim Street to Sunnybrook Road; Sanatoga: Sunnybrook

Road to Rupert Road. Mr. Troutman noted concern regarding not enough sidewalks on High Street. The finalized plan is expected to be complete in June.

**8. Presentation: New Hanover Comprehensive Plan**

There was review of the draft New Hanover Comprehensive Plan. The draft plan is to be advertised for adoption. The next step is to amend the Regional Future Land Use Plan to remove inconsistencies and incorporate the New Hanover Township zoning updates.

**9. Support Letter Request**

- Mr. Churach moved to prepare a letter of support from the PMRPC for the DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. Mr. LaRosa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Weand moved to prepare a letter of support from the PMRPC for the DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Programs: Camp Laughing Water Conservation Easement, New Hanover Township. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. New Hanover Township Zoning Amendment HI District**

Mr. Weand moved that the New Hanover Township Zoning Amendment HI District, Section 27-1602. Use Regulations, remove O. H12 Extractive operation, is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. New Hanover Township Zoning Amendment TC/TN District**

Mr. Marks moved that the New Hanover Township Zoning Amendment TC/TN Districts, TC District, remove (b) B2 Atrium house and (c) B2 Townhouse; and TN District, remove (c) B2 Twins and (e) B2 Atrium house, is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. Municipal Updates**

Douglass Township

Not represented.

East Coventry Township

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

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that there are 500 homes in progress at Sanatoga Green and Spring Valley should be completed this year.

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. Weand noted the water main break and burning transformers issue and commended PECO, PennDot and Borough Staff on a job well done.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. LaRosa noted that the Panda Express at Upland Square is awaiting construction approvals.

**13. School District Updates:** No one was present

**14. MCPC Update**

Ms. Bice noted the Montco Pikes project is still in progress and ideas may be submitted on the interactive website. The Montco Awards submissions are due March 31. The Planning Smarter series is being planned and will cover planning, zoning and the subdivision and land development process.

**15. Public Comment:**

Mr. Troutman noted that an industrial museum in Pottstown would be a great asset and serve as a destination attraction. Mr. LaRosa noted that is a great idea and offered to meet with Mr. Troutman to discuss.

**16. Adjournment**

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary