

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 28, 2021  
(Approved May 26, 2021)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a meeting via teleconference on April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending were:** Douglass Township- Peter Hiyrak  
East Coventry Township- Larry Tietjen  
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  
West Pottsgrove Township – Pete LaRosa  
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Danielle Baer, Marley Bice  
Mike Lowrey  
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 New Hanover Township with Mr. Zebrowski arriving at 7:20 p.m.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mr. Churach moved to approve the March 24, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. LaRosa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Amendments being under Item 7. *High Street Corridor Study Update* Mr. Troutman noted there was not enough sidewalks on High Street, Rupert Road reference to be stricken and under 12. *Municipal Updates* under New Hanover Township replace East Coventry Township with New Hanover Township.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the April 2021 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Reducing the member dues to be discussed at the next meeting.

**6. Introduction: Patricia McCloskey, Planner, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee**

Patricia McCloskey has replaced Michael Lane as the Recreation Coordinator. Ms. McCloskey has been a planner for 21 years and previously resided in Pottstown Borough and Lower Pottsgrove Township. Ms. McCloskey has experience in consulting for municipalities, with focus on infrastructure, parks and environmental impact studies.

**7. Development of Regional Impact – Kummerer Parcel Phase 2B – Upper Pottsgrove – 134 new townhouses and 2 existing homes to remain: 142.3 acres**

Mr. Churach noted that Phase 2B is the third and final phase of the project but the plan could change due to zoning issues that need to be resolved. No action was taken.

## **8. Municipal Updates**

### Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted that the plan for the emergency services building is being fine-tuned. The existing building is scheduled to be demolished in May. The project cost is \$3.5M. Douglass Township instituted a fire tax last Fall.

### East Coventry Township

Mr. Tietjen noted that the East Coventry Township Planning Commission is reviewing a small subdivision plan for a commercial property located at Route 724 and Sanatoga Road, proposing the property be split into two lots.

### Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted that that Sanatoga Green is in the middle of being developed.

### 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 Pottstown Borough is reviewing the storm infrastructure plan.

### 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 and a veterinary hospital is moving into Petco at Upland Square.

## **9. School District Updates:** No one was present

## **10. MCPC Update**

Ms. Bice noted that the current round of mini-grants is in the process of closing out, but a new round will open in the Fall and the total grant funds available will be \$150,000. Ms. Bice noted that the High Street Corridor Study Steering Committee met and a public meeting is planned for after the next PRMPC meeting. Ms. Baer noted she will no longer be facilitating the PMRPC meetings but will continue as the Planner for Pottstown Borough and New Hanover Township. Mr. Soumis thanked Ms. Baer for doing an excellent job.

## **11. Public Comment:**

Mr. Troutman noted that there are 59 local industries and he would like to gather information on them. Mr. Troutman suggested the possibility of a mural like in Phoenixville. Mr. Soumis recommended an e-mail be sent to the PMRPC members to gather history about the local industries.

## **12. Adjournment**

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Churach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary