

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MAY 26, 2021  
(Approved June 23, 2021)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held a meeting via teleconference on May 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending were:** Douglass Township- Peter Hiryak  
East Coventry Township- Larry Tietjen, 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 –David Waldt  
West Pottsgrove Township – Representative for Pete LaRosa  
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Marley Bice, Danielle Baer  
Tim Konetchy  
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 Pottstown Borough.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mr. Troutman moved to approve the April 28, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hiryak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Marks moved to approve the May 2021 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion: Municipal Member Dues:** Item to be discussed at a later date

**Introduction of Tim Konetchy:** MCPC representative to the PMRPC will be taking Ms. Baer's place. Mr. Konetchy noted he is from Syracuse, NY and has been doing planning for five years. The committee welcomed Mr. Konetchy.

**7. Developments of Regional Impact**

**Moove In Partners – Pottstown, LLC – 2148 East High Street – Lower Pottsgrove Township – 53,900 square foot self-storage facility on 6 acres**

The project site is across from Heritage Drive and will utilize the existing buildings as part of Phase 1. New square footage is proposed along with streets trees and landscaping, two stormwater basins and a rain garden. The project is located in the primary growth area. Concerns were noted about traffic backing up at High Street. Mr. Marks made a motion to send a letter to Lower Pottsgrove

Township to express the High Street traffic back up concerns. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Hanover Glen – North Charlotte Street – New Hanover Township – 93 dwelling units (39 townhomes and 54 twins) on 23.26 acres**

The project proposes aligning access road with Miles Road. There are zoning issues with the project that need to be addressed. No action was taken at this time.

**McGee Tract – 1847 Swamp Pike – New Hanover Township – 51 townhomes on 13.85 acres**

No comments noted or action taken at this time.

**8. Discussion: Summer Meeting Schedule**

For the June meeting, the guest speaker will be John Weidenhammer, President of the Berks Alliance, to present on passenger rail lines from Reading to Philadelphia. It was agreed that the July and August meetings may be cancelled unless a worthwhile subject presents itself. Ms. Bice inquired about extending the virtual meetings through June. Mr. Soumis asked how the group felt about remaining virtual or going back to in-person meetings. The response was a mixture of in-person or no strong opinion either way.

**9. Municipal Updates**

Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak not present at this time.

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 starting construction in July. Also noted were the summer concerts planned, four concerts are already lined up.

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

No one was present.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Waldt noted an active subdivision and land development that they are waiting for a response from the developer.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. LaRosa's representative noted there is nothing additional to report for West Pottsgrove Township.

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

**11. MCPC Update**

Ms. Bice noted the interactive map for depicting development projects and it will be posted for public viewing. Ms. Bice noted a virtual meetings will be held tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for review of the High Street Corridor Study. The proposed 2021 Budget to be discussed at the next meeting.

**12. Public Comment:** There was not public comment

**13. Adjournment**

Mr. Moyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary