

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2009
(Approved January 27, 2010)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on December 3, 2009. Attending the meeting were Kurt Zebrowski and Ralph Fluharty, New Hanover Township; Tim Roland and N. Lance Parson, East Coventry Township; Andy Paravis, North Coventry Township; Steve Toroney, Pottstown Borough; and Alyson Elliott, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township and Gregory Lignelli, Douglass Township; and Ed Whetstone and John Gambino of West Pottsgrove Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission
Jim Ennis – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Toroney called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Toroney did a roll call. All townships are represented this evening.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of October 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Roland moved to approve the October 28, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Paravis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lignelli moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$80,291.22. Mr. Paravis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Roland stated he is shopping around for better interest rates.

6. Fiscal Impact and Market Analysis RFP Update

Mr. Cover noted the presentation provided by Delta Group as the last PMRPC meeting. Mr. Cover noted the potential for Delta Group to do a fiscal impact and market analysis at a discount and this would be the first regional study of this kind to be done. The cost for such project would be around \$150,000.

Mr. Cover stated that the group would need to discuss whether they would commit to the analysis and if they did the next step would be to prepare and RFP. Funding would need to be established prior to commitment to analysis preparation. Mr. Cover stated the MCPC could prepare the RFP and noted that a resolution would be needed if the group wants to pursue the analysis.

Mr. Lignelli moved to move forward with the RFP for the Fiscal Impact and Market Analysis. Mr. Paravis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fluharty noted at not to exceed amount should be established. Mr. Roland stated the analysis is necessary to quantify what we have available to us.

Mr. Toroney stated that this could strengthen the cohesiveness the group already has.

7. Comprehensive Plan and Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement

Mr. Ennis noted the 45-day review period for the comprehensive plan and map amendments and not comments have been received to date. Mr. Toroney stated he would provide Pottstown's comments. Date will need to be set for township/borough adoptions and the PRMPC will advertise.

8. 2010 Meeting Schedule

The 2010 PMPRC meeting schedule was approved and advertising authorized with the dates as presented. Mr. Cover suggested reaching out to the Phoenixville Region and to schedule a joint meeting in April. Mr. Cover noted a handbook prepared by the MCPC and would be happy to provide such information.

It was noted that each municipality needs to have two representatives, 1 Supervisor and usually 1 Planning Commission member.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Lignelli stated that the Giant is moving along and the Rosen Group is back with a 200+ unit project.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Roland stated that the field hockey facility had an Open House two weeks ago. Mr. Roland also noted that there will be two new members on the East Coventry Board in 2010.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Ms. Elliott stated that things are quieting down in Lower Pottsgrove and noted the master plan for a 32-acre park.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Fluharty noted that there is nothing new to report.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Paravis stated that the new WaWa is set to open. Mr. Paravis noted he attended a meeting involving the Schuylkill Heritage and while talking to representatives of the State heard that they feel good things are happening in the Pottstown area and Pottstown could be the next place to be.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney stated noted that the AutoZone plan has been approved. Pottstown is working on updating their Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Toroney also stated that an application received a housing plan from the Hill School for review. Mr. Toroney stated that Pottstown will have three new council members and a new mayor in 2010.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Taylor noted 20 acres of open space and also noted the \$3-4M sewer work being done. Mr. Taylor noted a small project leftover from the Upland Square property and noted a proposed restaurant and theater.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Whetstone noted that West Pottsgrove Township closed on 20 acres of open space this month and 7 acres of open space last month. Mr. Whetstone also noted a study being done for the High Street Corridor.

11. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary