

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2011
(Approved January 25, 2012)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on December 1, 2011. Attending the meeting were Andy Paravis, North Coventry Township; Timothy Roland and N. Lance Parson, East Coventry Township; Steve Toroney, Pottstown Borough; and Gordon Whitlock, West Pottsgrove Township and Alyson Elliott, Lower Pottsgrove Township and Ralph Fluharty and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission
Darlene Wynne – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Toroney called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Toroney did a roll call. Upper Pottsgrove and Douglas Township were not represented.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Review of October 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Roland moved to approve the October 26, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. Mr. Paravis abstained due to his absence at the October 26, 2011 meeting. The motion carried.

5. November/December Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Whitlock moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for November/December with a balance of \$71,584.90. Mr. Paravis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. 2012 Meeting Schedule and Location

Mr. Whitlock moved to set and authorize advertisement of the 2011 meeting schedule, meetings will be held every fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (January through October) and a meeting will be held the first Thursday in December at 7:00 p.m. and the meetings will be held at Pottstown Borough Hall. Mr. Paravis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Development of Regional Significance Review: Lower Pottsgrove

There was a discussion regarding proposed subdivision/land development project of regional significance in Lower Pottsgrove Township located at 3049 East High Street.

Concerns regarding parking and transportation were noted. A village like shopping center would be more appealing than big box stores. Ms. Wynne noted that the plan does fall within the parameters of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Paravis moved to have the applicant resubmit a revised plan at a later date with more detail and information. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Market Assessment and Fiscal Impact Study Update

Ms. Wynne noted that the Report 3 (Strategies/Implementation Report) has not been distributed yet and it was noted that TischlerBise would like to provide a presentation prior to the release of Report 3. The fiscal impact component is being worked on.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

No one was present.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Roland noted all is quiet in East Coventry Township. Mr. Roland noted that he has enjoyed serving on this Committee and Mr. Cover noted that Mr. Roland can still serve on the PMRPC and another representative and alternate would need to be named.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Ms. Elliott noted that Lower Pottsgrove Township is busy with closing out project. They are working on the parks master plans and the bids that came in were too high for a trail project so they are looking at change the project to a playground and use grant monies from Health and Wellness and Occidental.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Fluharty noted that the building by the old airport has been torn down.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Paravis noted that the mall is trying to obtain a reassessment and the township is trying to fight it.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Toroney noted that Walmart is starting their expansion. Mr. Toroney stated that the Borough has hired an Economic Development Executive Director.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

No one was present.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Whitlock noted that the new movie theatre has opened.

10. School District Updates

Boyertown Area

No one was present.

Owen J. Roberts

No one was present.

Pottsgrove

No one was present.

Pottstown

No one was present.

11. MCPC

Ms. Wynne noted that the names for the Recreation Circuit Rider Subcommittee have been forwarded to Health and Wellness.

Mr. Cover noted proposed budget cuts in Montgomery County that would eliminate the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Mr. Whitlock moved to authorize Mr. Toroney to submit comments to the Montgomery County website on behalf of the PMPRC to support retaining the Montgomery County Planning Commission and also send a resolution to such. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Whitlock moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary