



## POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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### PARRC MEETING NOTES SUMMARY

September 23, 2015

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

#### In attendance:

Tom Carroll, Flexi-Pave

Jay Erb, North Coventry Township

Donna Fabry, Montgomery County

Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township

Justin Keller, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Coordinator

Carol Lewis, Upper Pottsgrove Township

Ashley Pultorak, Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation (PAHWF)

Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township

Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township

#### Meeting notes:

1. Justin K reported on the following tasks completed last month:
  - a. A grant was submitted to obtain about 1,200 milkweed plants from MonarchWatch.org. We have not yet heard about a decision. If some plants are unavailable they may have to wait until spring to ship.
  - b. Justin K provided an official map presentation to Upper Pottsgrove Planning Commission.
  - c. A Facebook page was established for the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee [https://www.facebook.com/Pottstown-Area-Regional-Recreation-Committee-1492294571087690/timeline/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/Pottstown-Area-Regional-Recreation-Committee-1492294571087690/timeline/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel). Please like us and share information posted there with others. The page will be kept very basic and used as a vehicle to provide information on events and projects.
  - d. 3 grants were submitted to PAHWF:
    - Pottstown: Memorial Park Playground Replacement and Site Improvements - \$35,000
    - Pottstown: Partnership with Schuylkill River Heritage Area to construct a bike shelter for Bike Pottstown at Manatawny Green. Bike share will be run by borough staff already on hand to run concession operations - \$6,000.
    - West Pottsgrove: Aquatic programming at the Community Pool to include swimming lessons, aqua therapy, and junior lifeguard training targeting disadvantaged populations; purchase of equipment and installation of aquatic handicapped ramp - \$14,000

2. Justin K. asked if other municipalities would be interested in an official map presentation to township elected officials. Pete H. expressed interest. Jay E. stated N. Coventry already has most of the information for the map informally, but may be interested and will ask around the township to gauge interest. Justin K. stated the presentation could be to individual municipalities or multi-municipal based on interest and preferences.
3. The first committee meeting for the Tri-county Primary Trails Study will be held from 9am-1:30pm on October 30.
4. Next, Tom Carroll provided a presentation on Flexi-Pave:
  - a. Product can be used for playgrounds, trails, erosion control, tree surrounds, parking stalls, potholes
  - b. Is pervious and forms a bio-film to remove phosphorus and nitrogen
  - c. Can support up to 18 tons
  - d. Rated for a 7' fall height for playgrounds
  - e. DEP approved
  - f. Constructed with a 4" base course of #57 clean stone, proprietary material is mixed on site and hand spread.
  - g. Installation + materials is about \$10-\$12 per square foot
  - h. Municipalities can take course to become certified installers and qualify to buy product at cost; \$3-6 per square foot.
  - i. Publicly bid projects should base specifications on those obtained by Flexi-pave to avoid substitutions for inferior products.
5. The meeting concluded with updates from the PARRC partners:
  - a. Montgomery County:
    - Donna F. asked municipalities that have not yet closed out previous mini-grants do so before September 30.
    - The first half hour of the October PARRC meeting will be a discussion to evaluate Justin K's work thus far. Evaluation forms will be sent in advance of the meeting. Evaluation results will be discussed at the December 3 PARRC meeting.
  - b. Lower Pottsgrove Township: Tom T. mentioned that the DCED-CDBG grant for the band shell is underway. Justin K. mentioned that we have not heard back yet regarding the DCED-CDBG the grant for storm water piping at Gerald Richards Park; they may be waiting for band shell grant to be closed out. Tom T. added that the Township also recently adopted an animal control ordinance.
  - c. West Pottsgrove Township: Charlie V. mentioned that the Lions club will run a table at Upper Pottsgrove's community day.
  - d. North Coventry Township: Jay E. stated that the Coventry Woods Bonfire will be held on November 7.
  - e. Douglass Township:
    - Pete H. finds the presentations scheduled at the PARRC meetings very useful. Justin K. stated that he will try to schedule a presenter about once a quarter. Municipalities are free to invite anyone attend.
    - A fire ring and flag pole were the most recent projects constructed by eagle scouts. He suggested that all municipalities should take advantage

of the eagle scouts who will provide the labor and raise funds for materials.

f. Upper Pottsgrove:

- Carol Lewis announced that Althouse Arboretum will be holding a 5k run and ribbon cutting on September 26.
- Community day will be held on October 3. This was the first year it was planned by a committee and they were able to secure many donations.
- Park committee will be creating a color coding and naming system for township trails.
- The township plans to pursue Ash management at one of their properties this winter and seek funding for tree replacements in the meantime. She mentioned that DCNR may be looking into a grant program to address Ash management. TreeVitalize could be one source for tree replacements, but Jay E. mentioned that it may be cheaper to buy containerized trees since TreeVitalize trees are larger, bare root and have to be staked. North Coventry previously obtained containerized trees at a good price from Octoraro Native Plant Nursery: [https://www.octoraro.com/availability-pricing-order/?searching=1&Show\\_All=SHOW+ALL&genus\\_name=&scientific\\_name=&common\\_name=&min\\_size=&container\\_size=](https://www.octoraro.com/availability-pricing-order/?searching=1&Show_All=SHOW+ALL&genus_name=&scientific_name=&common_name=&min_size=&container_size=). Justin K. added that planting smaller trees will allow for much easier excavation in heavily forested areas. He cautioned that deer browsing could be more of an issue for smaller trees and temporary fencing around individual trees should be considered.

***\*\*\*Please note the next PARRC and PMRPC meetings scheduled for October 28 have been moved to the Schuylkill River Heritage Area headquarters at 140 College Drive, Pottstown.***

Remaining 2015 Meeting Schedule (meetings begin at 5:00 pm):

**October 28**

**(140 College Drive, Pottstown)**

**December 3**

**(152 East High Street, Pottstown)**