



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

In attendance:

Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township

Craig Colistra, PAHWF

Donna Fabry, MCPC

Ed Wagner, Lower Pottsgrove Township

Katie Smith, Lower Pottsgrove Township

Herb Miller, Upper Pottsgrove Township

Jay Erb, North Coventry Township

Michael Lane, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Coordinator

Michael Lenhart, Pottstown Borough

Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township

Meeting notes:

1. Meeting minutes from 4/22/17 were unanimously approved.
2. The Committee discussed the invitation to elected officials to come to a PARRC meeting to discuss who we are and what we do. Possible date May 24th or later. Some revisions to the invitation were suggested. M. Lane will make revisions to the invitation and contact elected officials to see when there may be a good time in their schedule to meet with us.
3. M. Lenhart talked to Eileen Dautrich, the President of Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, if a legislative breakfast is scheduled soon and if PARRC can attend. He stated that there was not one coming up.
4. Next steps for Tri-County Trails Study. M. Lane reported that he is coordinating comments with DVRPC for the final report and they will be delayed until first few weeks of May. Mr. Lane will schedule a public meeting within the next few months when the report is completed. RFP for further detailed study of the four trails segments was submitted to DCNR and PARRC for their review. There have been no comments concerning the RFP.
5. M. Lane reported that the Regional Recreation Social rescheduled for April 18th at Sly Fox went very well. Valley Forge Visitors Bureau representatives gave a short presentation on the sports venues they are helping to market in Pottstown and are interested in marketing more. They will be coming to Pottstown in the next few weeks to view sports facilities.
6. It was suggested by H. Miller that the alternate trail connection of PT-2, on the Pottsgrove Trails plan in the Tri-County Trails Study, be off of Sunnybrook Road. It could be located on Sunnybrook Country Club property and run along Sprogels Run, across Keim Road and over to Kauffman Road to connect to Pottsgrove High School.

7. H. Miller also reported that Lower Pottsgrove and Upper Pottsgrove Police Chiefs are talking with their Supervisors about the speed limit on Buchert Road with the intention of asking PennDOT to possibly lowering it.
8. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. PAHWF: C. Colistra reported that the “On Your Park, Get Set, Go!” competition application deadline for the nominated park is May 5th. He also reported that the PA budget bill, House Bill 218, which was passed by the House Republicans, has \$800 million less appropriated to it for spending. It means \$2.8 million less for DCNR and \$1.3 million less for governor’s budget.
 - b. Montgomery County Planning Commission: D. Fabry reported that there are a few Walkability Events in the area. She will forward an email with information.
 - c. North Coventry: J. Erb reported that they are having the Coventry Woods Festival this year on May 21st. It is their 9th year for the festival. He was also selling Cow Plop Bingo tickets.
 - d. Pottstown Borough: M. Lenhart reported that they are having a big events weekend May 6th and 7th. The Borough newsletter is on the Borough website. He suggested we use the Pottstown Families.org website to post events.
 - e. Lower Pottsgrove: E. Wagner reported that they are having their Fish Rodeo on May 6th at Sunnybrook Creek. It is limited to 50 children. They are also having six Sunday Summer Concerts starting on June 25th.
 - f. Douglass Township: P. Hiryak announced that they are having their Spring Fish Rodeo on May 13th. They are having children fish in the morning and then military veterans’ fish in the afternoon.
 - g. West Pottsgrove Township: C. Valentine reported that they are having their Fishing Contest on May 6th in Murgia Park.
 - h. Upper Pottsgrove Township: H. Miller reported they are having their Fish Rodeo on May 20th. They are going to work on the spur trail in Sunset Park. They are going to continue to work on the trails segments from the Tri-County Trail Study.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM

Recorder: M. Lane

2017 Meeting Schedule (All meetings to be held at 5:00 PM in the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Offices, 152 East High Street, 5th floor, Pottstown, PA 19464):

January 25	February 22	March 22	April 26
May 24	June 28	July 26	August 23
September 27	October 25	December 7	

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 5:00 pm @PAHWF