



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

In attendance:

Amy Walesyn, Douglass Township
Bill Keohane, Lower Pottsgrove Township
Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township
Dave Kraybill, PAHWF
Donna Fabry, MCPC
Elaine Paul Schaefer, SRHA
Evan Brandt, Reporter, The Mercury
Herb Miller, Upper Pottsgrove Township
Jay Erb, North Coventry Township

Matt Carey, Reporter, Reading Eagle
Meghan Cagliola, Office Manager for Rep. Tom Quigley
Michael Lane, Regional Recreation Coordinator
Michael Lenhart, Pottstown Borough
Michelle Reddick, Upper Pottsgrove Township
Patty Werth, North Coventry Township
Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township
Tom Palladino, West Pottsgrove Township

Meeting notes:

1. The meeting started with a presentation to the elected officials. Invited officials included Representatives Quigley, Hennessey and Toepel and Senators Rafferty and Mensch. No elected officials attended the meeting as they were called back into session to approve of budget changes. Meghan Quigley, the Office Manager for Rep. Tom Quigley, was able to attend. After the meeting, the members discussed rescheduling the meeting to our PARRC meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.
2. Meeting minutes from 6/28/17 were unanimously approved.
3. Next steps for Tri-County Trails Study: M. Lane reported that the public meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2017 in Borough Hall at 6:00 PM. A Pre-Bid meeting for the RFP was held on July 14th for potential bidders to ask questions and receive further instruction. The bids are due Friday, August 11. A meeting has been scheduled with the Pottsgrove School Board on 8/22/17. A meeting with PADOT to discuss Rt. 100 signalization at railroad tracks and trail is scheduled for 7/27/17. H. Miller reported that he and West Pottsgrove officials and are trying to set up a meeting with Waste Management representatives.
4. M. Lane reported that the Tree Vitalize grant program was taking applications for Tree Planting, Community Forestry Management and Urban Riparian Buffers. The applications are due August 15th, 2017. We missed a meeting with an Urban Forester before July 25th, a requirement for submitting a grant application and so our window for applying has been closed. It was discussed that we plan for applying next year and coordinate the grant submission early.
5. Announcement: M. Lane asked if the members would like to have informative speakers come to the PARRC meetings on a quarterly basis. They approved of the suggestion. M. Lane suggested a few ideas for speakers and asked if the members could send him some as well.
6. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. PAHWF: Nothing to report.
 - b. North Coventry: J. Erb reported that they are having the Kenilworth Classic Disc Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit In Ians Boots. Mt. biking clubs from OJR high and middle schools are training in Coventry Woods. The Rusty Crayfish has become a nuisance in

the Manatawny Creek and Schuylkill River. American eels are being considered as a biological control. P. Werth inquired about how to let out-of-towners know of events in the region. It was suggested that she have them go to the pottstownfamilies.org website.

- c. Pottstown Borough: M. Lenhart reported that the Gold Cup BMX race will be on August 11 – 13th and they are combining a public concert with it on Saturday night with the Boogie Dogs. They are having a Pottstown Veterans Community Day on September 23rd. The Pottstown Film Festival has opened for all interested filmmakers.
- d. Lower Pottsgrove: B. Keohane reported that their summer concerts have started and are doing well.
- e. Douglass Township: P. Hiryak announced that they will be having the Fall Bike Night in Gilbertsville August 19th with the Rolling Thunder, a motorcycle club composed of veterans. Philadelphia Avenue at Rt. 73 will be closed for the event. Proceeds go to their Emergency Services. They have enrolled in the On Your Park, Get Set, Go competition.
- f. West Pottsgrove Township: C. Valentine reported that their Community Day is October 14th and the rain date is the 15th. The Grosstown Road Bridge is to be replaced and the road closed starting on August 7th for construction. They are waiting to hear from DEP on the Manatawny Bridge approvals.
- g. Upper Pottsgrove Township: H. Miller reported that they are still planning to hold an archery hunt for deer, for UP residents only, this fall. He said they are contacting companies they have worked with in the past to give them quotes on stenciling the roads for bike paths. PA DOT approved the lowering of the speed limit on Charlotte Street from the Borough to Maugers Mill Lane to 25 MPH from 40 MPH. The Townships will be paying for and installing the signs.
- h. MCPC: D. Fabry reported that MCPC has initiated an on-line survey about bicycling to help create Bike Montco, Montgomery County’s new bicycle mobility plan.

Adjournment: 6:40 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, August 23, 2017, 5:00 pm @PAHWF