

POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

December 1, 2016 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. @PAHWF

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Governing regulations review changes and formally vote on new document
- 3. Report on tasks completed to date by PARRC
 - a. Reviewed grant files, master plans, open space reports and regional planning documents
 - b. Attended DCNR Grant Workshop 10/2/16 for the Community Conservation Grant Program
 - c. Park evaluation meetings and identification of priority projects/tasks
 - i. Upper Pottsgrove
 - Connection to Sunset Park and Hollenbach Park; implement Tri-County Trail Study; wayfinding signage and emergency location signage; invasive species removal; ash tree removal/reforestation; Lantern Fly/Ailanthus Tree removal
 - ii. Pottstown Borough Memorial Park Spray Park
 - iii. Lower Pottsgrove Park & Rec Commission: G. Richards Park; Tri-County Trail Study, website
 - iv. North Coventry Jay Erb to discuss Tri-County Trails Study, Hanover Meadows, website
 - d. Other meetings
 - i. Met with Justin to discuss active grant projects
 - ii. Met with Steve Bamford, Exec. Dir. of PAID
 - iii. Meet with PMRPC 12/1/16
 - e. Self-guided Park tours
 - i. Pottstown Borough Memorial Park
 - ii. Douglass Township Douglass Park
 - iii. Lower Pottsgrove Township Gerald Richards Park
 - iv. North Coventry Township Hanover Meadows; Kenilworth Park; Riverside and River Bend Parks
 - v. West Pottsgrove Township Murgia Park
 - f. Facebook
 - i. Updated PMRPC page and added photos/announcements
 - g. Regional Events Calendar
 - i. New postings are added by each organization
 - ii. No printing of brochure for the next two months
 - iii. Coordination of transition for school to administer calendar
- 4. Summary of tasks anticipated in the next few months:
 - a. Park evaluation meetings/identification of grant opportunities and priorities with West Pottsgrove, Lower Pottsgrove and Douglass Townships

- b. Meet with North Coventry Park & Rec Board 12/7/16
- Other Meetings: Schuylkill Highlands Partnership Meeting 12/9/16.
 Need to schedule with PAL; Colebrookdale RR; Hill School; PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry (ash borer); Chester County Planning Commission
- d. Events calendar coordination meetings with Pottstown School District 1/2017
- e. Meet with Drew Gilchrist of DCNR to review potential projects for funding Douglass, Gerald Richards and Memorial Parks 12/13/16
- f. Meet with Debbie Roesener of Bursich Associates to review bridge plans for Murgia Park before end of year
- g. Ongoing coordination with Montgomery County planners and DVRPC to finalize Tri-County Trails Study
- h. Legislative breakfast
- i. Suggestions for other tasks?
- 5. DCED CFA grant award announcements denied: Memorial Park; Hanover Meadows; Gerald Richards Athletic Field and SWM; Douglass Park
- 6. Grant application deadlines -

DCNR C2P2, Small Community & Riparian Forest Buffers – 1/23/17 – 4/12/17

PECO Green Region 12/31/2016

PAHWF – Letter of Intent 1/2/17 - 2/1/2017

DVRPC CMAQ - 4/21/17

Schuylkill Highlands mini-grant - 5/19/17

DCED CFA - 6/30/17

- 7. Other funding opportunities William Penn Foundation?
- 8. Report on Tri-County Trail meeting with DVRPC on 11/21/16 submitted plans to North Coventry; West, Upper and Lower Pottsgrove and Pottstown Borough for review of trails.
 - Discussion on Tri-County Trails Study priorities.
- 9. Update on Spotted Lantern Fly quarantine Upper Pottsgrove & Pottstown Townships included
- 10. "Free" Milkweed plants for Monarch Butterfly habitat <u>mailto:http://monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds-for-restoration-projects/</u>
- 11. DCNR & PA Trails Advisory Committee are seeking trail accomplishments for 2016
- 12. Partner Updates:
 - a. Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation
 - b. Montgomery County Planning Commission
 - c. North Coventry Township

- d. Borough of Pottstown
- e. West Pottsgrove Township
- f. Lower Pottsgrove Township
- g. Upper Pottsgrove Township
- h. Douglass Township

2017 Meeting Schedule

January 25February 22March 22April 26May 24June 28July 26August 23September 27October 26November 29