



**POTTSTOWN
METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL
PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

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AGENDA

April 24th, 2019

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/27/19.
3. Report on tasks completed to date by PARRC:
 - a. Facebook - Updated PMRPC page and added photos/announcements.
 - b. Presented at PRPS Conference with C. Colistra – Penn State – 4/4/19.
 - c. Attended PAHWF function – 4/10/19
 - d. Attended Pottstown Park & Recreation Foundation meeting – 4/11/19.
 - e. Meeting with Dave Stutsman to discuss Mt. Biking – 4/11/19.
4. Active implementation project utilizing PARRC assistance:
 - a. Pottstown - Memorial Park – Veterans Island (met with C. Paretti & M. Lenhart to discuss cannon relocation; redo concepts 4/1/19), Trail Sensor (download info/develop & send out reports 4/11/19), Land donation (review property, send email to J. Keller & M. Lenhart – 3/27/19).
 - b. UPT – Trail Sensors (installed trail sensors - 4/5/19; download sensor data, relocate 1 sensor – 4-11-19); OS Plan Update (conference call with J. Miklos, M. Narcowich, M. Reddick, D. Elliott - 4/12/19).
 - c. NCT - River Bend Park (technical assistance to playground subcommittee); Disc Golf (coordinate info with E. Guest).
 - d. WPT – Murgia Park Bridge and Trail project (developing DCED CFA GTRP grant).
 - e. ECT – Ellis Woods Park – (attend meeting with K. Nocella, R. Tralies, R. Kolb, D. Kraynik to discuss DCNR grant application – 4/8/19), meet with K. Nocella to discuss Schuylkill Highlands grants – 4/8/19).
 - f. DT - Douglass Park – (technical assistance to A. Duncan – 4/8/19).
 - g. LPT - Gerald Richards Park – (discussion with K. Smith & C. Chamburn concerning potential bids – 4/18/19).
6. Grant Applications submitted/developing/awarded:
 - a. Submitted to PECO – North Coventry Riverside Park Dock Replacement – Denied (WPT and Boro’s). PECO grants update – sent email to PARRC concerning why grants denied – 3/28/19. From Patrick Gardner *“As to why the applications weren’t selected, it is hard to say, other than that the program has become increasingly more competitive over the last few years. To give you some background, the applications are ranked by a review committee based on a number of factors, including but not limited to: project partners, funding, environmental/ community/ regional impacts, etc. Projects are then given an overall score before PECO reviews them. In this year’s round, the winning applications in each county were all less than a point apart. It is also a challenge in your neck of the woods because Montgomery County has consistently led the region with the most applications – that means there is a lot of great work going on, but that also means there is more competition for funding. Unless you have other higher priority projects that arise, I would definitely encourage resubmission of these applications. We have had high scoring applications in the past that are resubmitted and awarded funding. Also, just so you know, the online application for 2019 is up and ready. I believe this year we are only accepting online. Guidelines are the same with the exception that we are now accepting projects that have lighting elements using LED and “green” energy lighting. Also, I am still working out details but we may have a special bonus around at the end of the year to celebrate the 15th anniversary.*

Details probably won't be announced until the end of the regular round." Grant applications for 2019 are due before October 31, 2019. A follow up question concerning future grants - Is there any advantage or higher ranking for a grant application that is sponsored by a multi-municipal planning agency? The PARRC Board is thinking of becoming more independent and grant applications would come through this collaboration of municipalities instead of one municipality? From Patrick Gardner 4/22/19 – *"I spoke with PECO and we agreed that there would be no advantage or higher ranking for such an agency, but any application showing cooperation and partnerships with municipalities will help. Having an actual official planning agency be the applicant would not make the ranking any higher though."*

- b. Submitted to PAHWF – Pottstown: Potts Drive Playground Renovations Phase II - \$12,500; NCT: River Bend Park Playground Phase II - \$28,500; DT: Trail Sensors - \$6,000; ECT: Wayfinding & Signage Project - \$30,000 –Submitted final applications 3/29/19. Announcement – in 2 months.
- c. Developing: WPT – Murgia Park Bridge & Trail Project – DCED CFA GTRP grant application due May 31, 2019); NCT – Coventry Woods Gateway Project & Boat Dock Renovation Project – SHLI; ECT – Tow Path Park Gateway Project & Wayfinding & Signage Project – SHLI; UPT – Sussell Park Riparian Education Center – SHLI – due by April 30, 2019).

7. Summary of tasks anticipated in the next few months:

- a. Other Meetings: Suggestions?

8. Announcements:

- Discuss if members may have need for grant funding/assistance – Tri-County Trails, etc.; SHLI spring grant round closes 4/30/19; CMAQ grant round opening 4/1/19 and closes 6/30/2019; PECO grant round ends 10/31/19.
- Discussion of hosting a regional event. Collaboration with Pottstown Park & Recreation Foundation? Scavenger hunt, trail challenge or community day (Schuylkill River Festival). UPT is not doing a Community Day but is now sponsoring Althouse Arboretum events as it is Community Day every day for them.
- East Coventry Township PARRC representative will be at the May PARRC meeting.
- Status of Interagency Agreement PPT presentation – B. Keohane.
- Status of MOU with SRG – C. Colistra.
- Status of PAHWF in MOU – C. Colistra.
- Status of revisions to IA – J. Cover.
- Status of revisions to procedures document – M. Lane.

9. Partner Updates:

- PAHWFoundation
- Montgomery County Planning Commission
- North Coventry Township
- Borough of Pottstown
- West Pottsgrove Township
- Lower Pottsgrove Township
- Upper Pottsgrove Township
- Douglass Township

2019 Meeting Schedule

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

January 23	February 27	March 27	April 24	May 22	June 26
July 24	August 28	September 25	October 23	December 5	

Next meeting: May 22, 2019 5:00 pm @PAHWF