



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

June 24th, 2020

4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

a Zoom meeting

In Attendance:

Jay Erb, North Coventry Township
Cathy Paretti, Upper Pottsgrove Township
Michael Lenhart, Borough of Pottstown
Bill Keohane, Lower Pottsgrove Township
Erica Batdorf, North Coventry Township
Karen Nocella, East Coventry Township
Craig Lloyd, West Pottsgrove

Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove
Craig Colistra, PAHWF
John Cover, MCPC
Marley Bice, MCPC
Barbara Heller, BerryDunn
Dustin Schreiber, Research Intern

Meeting notes:

1. Meeting minutes from May 27th, 2020 were approved. Jay Erb abstained.
2. Hazardous Tree Policy – M. Lane discussed a tree falling on private property incident in Upper Pottsgrove Township. The Townships insurance carrier would not cover a claim to reimburse the Township for funds to remove a fallen tree onto a private resident's property as they did not have a Hazardous Tree policy nor any records of the Township evaluating the tree. He asked the members if any of them have followed up with their insurance carrier to see if they are covered for Hazardous Trees or if they have instituted a Hazardous Tree Policy. East Coventry Township has an ordinance for trees in the ROW but not on their public park/open space lands.
3. Strategic Plan - Barbara Heller gave a summary of where she was at with the Strategic Plan: she finished the interviews and reviewed a summary; she produced a demographics report and reviewed a summary – the nearby population continues to age, the population of Caucasians is declining and revenue based programs declined because of Covid19. A question was raised concern dog parks and what were the pros/cons of them – cons were aggressive dogs can be an issue and pros were it gives dogs in limited spaces a chance to exercise and for their owners to socialize with other dog owners. There seems to be a decline in organized sports sponsored by communities as sponsorship is down. But private leagues/travel teams, indoor and outdoor, membership is up.
4. PARRC website – M. Lane reviewed the comments for the new PARRC website with the members. Most of the members did not see an issue with launching the website soon but mentioned to leave the Meeting Minutes out for now.
5. PARRC Research project – M. Lane was unable to upload the PowerPoint presentation but stated that a copy of the final report will be emailed to everyone the next day.
6. Intergovernmental Agreement – All changes that municipal solicitors recommended were incorporated into the IA and sent it to the PARRC members for review.
7. Coronavirus mitigation measures in each municipality – no changes.
8. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. Pottstown Borough: M. Lenhart stated that the Memorial Park Bridge and Stream Bank Restoration engineering project is moving ahead.
 - b. Douglass Township: No updates.



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- c. North Coventry Township:
- d. Upper Pottsgrove Township: They are looking at developing a Hazardous Tree policy; Sussell Park pond is leaking and asked if M. Lane could find a grant program that might address the issue; they are interested in developing Hollenbach Park and requested M. Lane to find grant funding for the development of design/engineering plans.
- e. East Coventry Township: They ordered kiosks and other signs for the Wayfinding and Signage project; their pickleball court is getting used a lot; A DCNR grant for landscaping at Ellis Woods Park is being installed this fall; they are having a Fall Festival at Ellis Woods Park on Saturday, September 26th; they are installing a new trail at the DiBono property they received a grant for from PAHWF and are developing an agreement with PECO for trail access.
- f. West Pottsgrove Township: They have requested that M. Lane re-design their community pool as a new park and submit concepts to the Commissioners. They are implementing the Playground Accessibility project with funds from PAHWF. There will be trout stocked in the Manatawny Creek at Murgia Park this fall. They have cancelled their Fishing Rodeo.
- g. MCPC: Montgomery County parks are open. The County's grant program for Open Space and Trails is open. A new trail in Upper Providence Township was paved to the Schuylkill River. They protected the 50 acre Ester property for open space. They would like to introduce Bill Hartmann, the new Trail Coordinator at a PARRC meeting. The added a new website call "Restart Montco" which is a "Planning Approach to Help with Recovery from the Effects of COVID-19 Restrictions". PMRPC grants has 4 close-outs in August. DVRPC has developed a community survey that is now live for a trail study on High Street from West Pottsgrove, through the Borough and Lower Pottsgrove Township.
- h. Lower Pottsgrove: No updates.
- i. PAHWF: C. Colistra stated that the PAHWF fall grant round opens July 1.

Adjournment: 5:33 PM

Recorder: M. Lane

2020 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)

<i>January 22</i>	<i>February 26</i>	<i>March 25</i>	<i>April 22</i>	<i>May 27</i>	<i>June 24</i>
<i>July 22</i>	<i>August 26</i>	<i>September 23</i>	<i>October 28</i>	<i>December 3</i>	

Next meeting: July 22nd, 2020 Zoom meeting at 4:00 PM