



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

In attendance:

Craig Colistra, PAHWF
Jay Erb, North Coventry Township
Donna Fabry, MCPC
Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township
Dave Kraybill, PAHWF
Michael Lane, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Coordinator
Michael Lenhart, Pottstown Borough
Herb Miller, Upper Pottsgrove Township
Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township
Rich Wood, Lower Pottsgrove Township

Meeting notes:

1. Before the PARRC meeting, we held a Steering Committee meeting for the Tri-County Trails Study from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Separate minutes are attached.
2. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. PAHWF: C. Colistra reported that there is \$30,000 left in the mini-grant fund and the Foundation is accepting applications for 3, \$10,000 projects. Discussion concerning lowering to \$5,000.00. Details are on the PMRPC website. Application deadline is 3/31/17. (*Postscript: funding limited lowered to \$5,000.00*)
 - b. Douglass Township: No Announcements.
 - c. West Pottsgrove Township: C. Valentine reported that the bridge projects in Murgia Park are progressing. They applied for a \$15,000 grant for streambank stabilization and the documents are being reviewed at a pre-application meeting on March 23, 2017 at DEP in Norristown. They are closing the pool for the 2017 summer season. They will continue to maintain it and meet with management companies to negotiate the operation of the pool for the 2018 summer season.
 - d. Pottstown Borough: M. Lenhart reported that SRHA is applying for grant funding through the Scott & Sue Bailey Foundation to stabilize the bridge abutment in Riverfront Park. Wrigley Business Systems has initiated a movement to leverage community support and funding for the bridge embankments.
 - e. Upper Pottsgrove: H. Miller distributed an Althouse Arboretum program schedule for 2017.
 - f. North Coventry: J. Erb reported that he has been marking Ailanthus trees to be removed in Kenilworth Park. They have left a few trees to attract Spotted Lanternflies so they can be sprayed. He met with Dept. of AG representatives who are compiling a

map showing locations of spotted Lanternflies within a kilometer area in the Township. The Dept. recommended leaving a male tree over 10" DBH as the attractant tree.

- g. Lower Pottsgrove: R. Wood reported that Ailanthus trees were removed in Greenlane Park last year. One tree was left as the host tree to attract Spotted Lanternflies. A large number were attracted to the tree and it was treated. He has also noticed Spotted Lanternflies on Silver Maple Trees. A vineyard in the Township was starting to be infested and had to spray their vines.

Adjournment: 7:30 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 26	December 7	

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 5:00 pm @PAHWF