



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

@PAHWF

In attendance:

Amy Walesyn, Douglass Township
Bill Keohane, Lower Pottsgrove Township
Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township
Craig Colistra, PAHWF
Donna Fabry, MCPC
Jay Erb, North Coventry Township
Justin Keller, Pottstown Borough
Michael Lane, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Coordinator
Michael Lenhart, Pottstown Borough
Michelle Reddick, Upper Pottsgrove Township
Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township

Meeting notes:

1. Meeting minutes from 5/24/17 were unanimously approved.
2. The Committee discussed the Power Point presentation for the elected officials coming to the July 26th PARRC meeting. M. Lane presented and comments were made. M. Lane will make revisions to the presentation and send back to members for review and comment.
3. Next steps for Tri-County Trails Study: M. Lane reported that he is coordinating comments with DVRPC for the final report and public meeting. RFP for further detailed study of the four trails segments was submitted to PennBid for advertisement on June 30th. M. Lane reported that he, West Pottsgrove officials and Herb Miller are trying to set up a meeting with Waste Management representatives. On June 27th, C. Lloyd, T. Palladino and M. Lane met with the two landowners, Prices and Salzer, along the proposed trail alignment in West Pottsgrove. They approved of allowing surveyors on their property to get existing conditions information.
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. He also reported that he submitted two DCED CFA GTRP grants on 5/25/17; one for Memorial Park Playground and Site Improvements and the other for Hanover Meadows Park. He also submitted an NRPA/Disney grant for a nature based play space in Memorial Park on 6/23/17.
5. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. PAHWF: C. Colistra reported that Rumble participants also used the PAL fields. He also announced that the “Up to Us” coaches training program is open for participants to apply. The “On your Parks, Get Set, Go” parks contest starts July 1st. He sent out packages to everyone.
 - b. North Coventry: J. Erb reported that Rumble participants used Riverbend Park and about 45 nets were up. Parking was disorganized. It was decided that M. Lane and J. Erb meet tomorrow morning to discuss concepts for Riverbend Park.

- c. Pottstown Borough: J. Keller reported that the Emerald Ash Borer has been sighted in the Borough near the 1000 block of N. Hale and the 800 block of Charlotte St. near Wilson. Some ash trees were sprayed on major streets by Tom Hylton. M. Lenhart reported that the Rumble was a success with over 4,000 participants. The Fourth of July celebrations will have a laser show and \$10.00 Colebrookdale Railroad train rides.
- d. Lower Pottsgrove: B. Keohane reported that their summer concerts have started and the next one is July 9 with a band that plays 50's/60's hits.
- 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. Amy Walesyn, a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, announced that she is trying to introduce more programs in the parks such as a community yard sale, trick or trunk, movies in the park and July competitions.
- f. West Pottsgrove Township: C. Valentine reported that they are thinking of adding more parking spaces and a disc golf course behind third base at Old Timers Field. The Grosstown Road bridge is to be replaced and the road closed starting on July 10th for construction.
- g. Upper Pottsgrove Township: M. Reddick reported that in July at Heather Place, there will be 2 Healthy Park events. They are planning to have a Community Day combined with a car show on Saturday, September 23rd. They are also planning for an archery hunt for deer for only UP residents in the fall. She also asked about stencils for bike lanes and wanted to know if the Borough had any they could use.
- h. MCPC: D. Fabry reported that DVRPC is opening up the TAP program soon. It is a grant program used for linking amenities. Walk/Bike Pottstown used this program for funding. The TAP program is open every other year and funds construction, not design projects. It was discussed that maybe we could target funds for the construction of a multiuse trail from the TriCounty trail study into the SRT or Bike/Walk Pottstown. She also stated that the PMRPC is taking August off.

Adjournment: 6:30 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 25	December 7	

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 5:00 pm @PAHWF