



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

In attendance:

Craig Colistra, PAHWF

Jay Erb, North Coventry Township

Donna Fabry, MCPC

Pete Hiryak, Douglass Township

Michael Lane, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Coordinator

Michael Lenhart, Pottstown Borough

Rich Wood, Lower Pottsgrove Township

Meeting notes:

1. Meeting minutes from 1/25/17 and 2/22/17 were unanimously approved.
2. Revised PARRC meeting dates: from October 26th to October 25th and November 29th to December 7th.
3. A question was raised when the next Legislative Breakfast at Tri-County Chamber of Commerce was scheduled. M. Lenhart will talk to the President, Eileen Dautrich, if it is scheduled soon and if PARRC can attend. Discussion continued concerning the possibility of inviting elected officials to come to a PARRC meeting to discuss who we are and what we do. Possible date May 24th. It was requested that M. Lane draft an email of the invitation for PARRC to review.
4. Next steps for Tri-County Trails Study. M. Lane reported that he is coordinating comments with DVRPC for the final report and will schedule a public meeting within the next few months. He must also develop an RFP for further detailed study of the four trails segments and submit to PARRC for their review.
5. M. Lane reported that the Regional Recreation Social was cancelled due to the Nor'easter and is rescheduled for April 18th at the same time and place.
6. Discussion concerning DCED funding and if there is a large project that the municipalities can go in together to acquire funding. This issue was tabled for further thought.
7. M. Lenhart reported that they are applying for a DCNR mini-grant to fund a pavilion at Riverfront Park. P. Hiryak reported that they are applying for amenities at Smith Road Park. J. Erb reported they are applying for funds for parking access at Riverbend Park.
8. DCED CFA GTRP grant funding applications this round: Douglass, Pottstown and North Coventry – due May 31, 2017.
9. It was suggested that each municipality review grant applications for accuracy and consistency with Township goals before they are submitted to the grant funding program.
10. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. PAHWF: C. Colistra reported that the "On Your Park, Get Set, Go!" competition is being held this year. The Foundation will have an announcement out soon. They are trying a new format to make it easier to complete and are also looking for ways to reach a larger

audience. They are applying for \$100,000 of DCNR mini-grant funding. The Foundation will match it with another \$100,000 for a total grant amount of \$200,000. If they are successful in receiving the grant, it will be used for their mini-grant program.

- b. Montgomery County Planning Commission: They have added to their website “Bike Montco”. It is a study identifying bike friendly communities within the County. She also reported that a multi-modal grant program is opening for large project funding. She will forward an email with information.
- c. North Coventry: J. Erb reported that they still marking and removing Ailanthus trees in their parks. They are having the Coventry Woods Festival this year on May 21st. It is their 9th year for the festival.
- d. Pottstown Borough: M. Lenhart reported that their film festival will be in November. They are placing no restrictions on subject matter but a submitted film has to be within the Greater Pottstown Region. The largest award will go to a film that is “Pottstown Centric”. Walk/Bike Pottstown project is moving forward and is in review with PADOT.
- e. Lower Pottsgrove: R. Wood reported that they are meeting with PADOT in a few weeks to discuss a trail along Buchert Road and a mid-block crossing on Charlotte Street to access Glendale Avenue. He also announced that this would be his last meeting as he and his wife are relocating to Virginia within the next few months.
- f. Douglass Township: P. Hiryak announced that they are having the Spring Fish Rodeo on May 13th. They will also be having the Fall Bike Night sometime this fall.

- 11. Procedures for the PARRC performance review in April were discussed. M. Lane was recused from the discussion.

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, April 26, 2017, 5:00 pm @PAHWF