

**MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
(Approved October 25, 2023)**

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC) held a meeting via teleconference and in-person at Pottstown Borough Hall on September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Douglass Township- Don Bergstresser
East Coventry Township- Larry Tietjen
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township –Jim Marks, Bill Soumis
New Hanover Township – Keith Youse
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal
Upper Pottsgrove Township – David Waldt
West Pottsgrove Township – Not represented
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Marley Bice

Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

Visitor(s): Evan Brandt, Joan (Artisan)

- 1. Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Marks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- 2. Roll Call:** Mr. Marks did a roll call and all municipalities were represented, except for West Pottsgrove.
- 3. Review of the August 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Mr. Procsal moved to approve the August 23, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer’s Reports**
Mr. Troutman moved to approve the September 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Waldt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Public Comment**
Mike Hayes of Montgomery County was present and asked the group if they would be interested in looking at the Regional Comprehensive Plan as it was last revised in 2015 and asked the group how the region is trying to meet affordable housing needs. Mr. Marks suggested Mr. Hayes contact Ms. Bice for the requested information.
- 6. Review: 2024-2026 Planning Assistance Contract Renewal**
Mr. Troutman moved to approve the 2024-2026 Planning Assistance Contract Renewal. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Review: Draft 2024 Budget & Invoice Amount**
Mr. Waldt moved to approve the 2024 Budget and Municipalities’ Invoice Amount as presented. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Ordinance Review: Douglass Township – Active Adult Overlay Zoning Text Amendment
Mr. Tietjen moved that the Douglass Township – Active Adult Overlay Zoning Text Amendment is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Ordinance Review: Douglass Township – Active Adult Overlay Zoning Map Amendment
Mr. Troutman moved that the Douglass Township – Active Adult Overlay Zoning Map Amendment is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Procsal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Noted were concerns regarding traffic.

10. Development of Regional Impact: Village at Fricks Lock – East Coventry Township
Village at Fricks Lock – East Coventry Township – proposed subdivision and land development of 155 single-family detached residential units near the intersection of Fricks Lock Road and Schuylkill Road (S.R. 724) including the realignment of Fricks Lock Road and a total of 58.7 acres of open space. Noted were parking and traffic circulation concerns. Mr. Soumis asked if EDU's needed are consistent with the North Coventry agreement and Mr. Tietjen noted that is being discussed.

11. DVRPC 2025 Work Program Project

The suggested project for the DVRPC FY 2025 Work Program is to do a study related to the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority (SRPRA)

Mr. Marks felt that the SRPRA study is a bit premature and noted concerns of doing a study that will not come to fruition. Mr. Soumis noted there are numerous other road projects in the region that may be better served. The motion did not pass. The matter to be discussed further at a later date

12. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Bergstresser noted there is nothing additional to report for Douglass Township.

East Coventry Township

Mr. Tietjen noted there is nothing additional to report for East Coventry Township.

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted there is nothing additional to report for Lower Pottsgrove Township.

New Hanover Township

Mr. Youse noted there is nothing additional to report for New Hanover Township.

North Coventry Township

Mr. Marks noted there is nothing additional to report for North Coventry Township.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted the Halloween Parade will take place on October 22.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Waldt noted there is nothing additional to report for Upper Pottsgrove Township.

West Pottsgrove Township
No representatives present.

13. School District Updates: No representatives present

14. MCPC Update: No new update

15. Adjournment

Mr. Procsal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie L. Frisco".

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary