

**MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

APRIL 24, 2024

(Approved May 22, 2024)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC) held a meeting via teleconference and in-person at Pottstown Borough Hall on April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Douglass Township- Don Bergstresser, Joan DiCicco
East Coventry Township- Larry Tietjen
Lower Pottsgrove Township – Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township –Jim Marks, Bill Soumis
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski, Keith Youse
Pottstown Borough – Not represented
Upper Pottsgrove Township – Trace Slinkerd, Wayne Weaver
West Pottsgrove Township – Howard Shawell
Montgomery County Planning Commission – Marley Bice

Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

Visitor(s): Michelle D’Allesandro, Evan Brandt, Kate Clark (Chester County Planning Commission)

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** Mr. Marks called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Marks led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call:** Mr. Marks did a roll call and all municipalities except for Pottstown Borough.
- 4. Review of March 2024 Meeting Minutes**
Mr. Soumis moved to approve the March 27, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report**
Mr. Zebrowski moved to approve the April 2024 Treasurer’s Reports. Mr. Slinkerd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Public Comment:** None
- 7. Comprehensive Plan Review Items**
Community Survey Status and Outreach: the survey is live on-line
Updated Existing Land Use Analysis: edits to be sent to Ms. Bice
Population Change Since 2020: the 2023 estimates expected in June
- 8. New Business**
Ordinance Review 24-03: Upper Pottsgrove Township – Zoning Map Amendment Changing the Zoning of 21 Properties from RO Retail Office to LI Limited Industrial
Mr. Zebrowski moved that the Upper Pottsgrove Township Zoning Map amendment changing the zoning of 21 properties from RO Retail Office to LI Limited Industrial is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Soumis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Review 24-04: Upper Pottsgrove Township – Route 100 Commercial Overlay District
Mr. Soumis moved that the Upper Pottsgrove Township Route 100 Commercial Overlay District is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Shawell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Review 24-05: Upper Pottsgrove Township – R-1 District Use Regulations
Mr. Shawell moved that the R-1 District Use Regulations are generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Youse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

Mr. Hiryak noted that the newly appointed Douglass Township Manager is Andrew Duncan.

East Coventry Township

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

Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Troutman noted a lot for sale on Pleasantview Road.

New Hanover Township

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

North Coventry Township

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

Pottstown Borough

No representatives present.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Slinkerd noted that Upper Pottsgrove Township purchased 10 acres where an 1850's home is located.

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Shawell noted that the Wawa project is moving along.

10. School District Updates: No representatives present

11. MCPC Update

Ms. Bice provided the following updates.

Montgomery County Draft Aviation Policy Plan to be available soon

Montgomery Awards 2024 Call for Entries – nominations due May 20 More information:
<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/1288/Montgomery-Awards-Program>

Chester County Planning Commission Events

- “Sustainability Summit for HOAs” – topics will include managing woodlands, solar power, and transitioning to more sustainable landscaping Tuesday, April 30, 2024 – 6:00 pm – Downingtown (Zoom option) More information and to register: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/hoa-summit>

- “A Changing World and Chester County” – a discussion on recent planning trends and a 5-year update on Landscapes3, the Chester County Comprehensive Plan Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 5:30-7:30 pm – West Chester.

More information and to register: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/landscapes3-fiveyears>

12. Adjournment

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Shawell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie L. Frisco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bonnie" being more prominent.

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary