

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

Approved May 27, 2026
(Approved June 24, 2026)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC) held a meeting via teleconference and in-person at Pottstown Borough Hall on May 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Douglass Township- Don Berstresser
East Coventry Township- Meaghan Wright
Lower Pottsgrove Township –Tom Troutman
North Coventry Township – Suzanne Sagona, Bill Soumis
New Hanover Township – Kurt Zebrowski, Keith Youse
Pottstown Borough – Ryan Procsal, Joseph Kirkland
Upper Pottsgrove Township –Wayne Weaver
West Pottsgrove Township – Daniel Price

Montgomery County Planning Commission – Marley Bice
Recording Secretary – Bonnie L. Frisco

Visitor(s): Karina Caddick (Montgomery County Planning Commission, Chris Patriarca (Chester County Planning Commission), Doug Slick, Mike Hayes (PA Rep Joe Ciresi’s Office), Suzanne Ercole (North Coventry Township resident), Mario Ercole (North Coventry Township resident)

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Mr. Zebrowski called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Zebrowski led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Mr. Zebrowski did a roll call and all municipalities were represented.
4. **Review of the April 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes**
Mr. Kirkland moved to approve the April 22, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Sagona seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Review of the Treasurer’s Report**
Mr. Soumis moved to approve the April 2026 Treasurer’s Report as amended. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Soumis moved to approve the May 2026 Treasurer’s Report as presented. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** No public comment
7. **Parks & Open Space Presentations & Discussion**
Montco Forever Green – Montgomery County’s Open Space Grant Program
<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/4808/Montco-Forever-Green-Grant-Program>
Guest Presenter: Bill Hartman, PLA, MCPC Trails & Open Space Planning Manager

Mr. Hartman provided an overview of the Montco Forever Green Open Space Grant Program. The information may be found at the above website location.

Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee (PARRC) Annual Update

Guest Presenter: Tricia McCloskey, AICP, Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Planner

Ms. McCloskey provided an update of the PARRC grant awards and projects. Projects noted were: East Coventry Township, Towpath Park Phase 1, \$1M, nearly 100% grant funded
Pottstown Borough, South Street Park Project, \$303,000, 53% grant funded
West Pottsgrove Township, Old Timer Field Improvements, \$660,000, 50% grant funded

Planned projects: Pottstown Borough, Brookside Park Improvements
North Coventry Township, Riverside Park Boat Ramp
West Pottsgrove, Veteran Park Basketball Area Improvements
Pottstown Borough, Pollock Park Soccer Mini Pitch Project

8. New Business

Ordinance Review 26-01: West Pottsgrove Township – Solar Energy Systems Ordinance It was Mr. Weaver moved that the West Pottsgrove Township Solar Energy Systems Ordinance is generally consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Regional Comprehensive Plan Draft Complete

a. Review list of public comments received as of May 20, 2026.

The Committee has reviewed the comments resulting from recent Comprehensive Plan discussions, no further comments were received.

b. Discuss next steps

It was noted that since Douglass Township plans to drop out of the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee (PMRPC) the hearing process should start immediately, as once the hearing process begins, Douglass Township cannot be officially removed from the PMRPC until a year after the commencement of the hearing. It was requested that a letter from Douglass' Solicitor be submitted to the PMRPC for official notice of Douglass' request to withdraw from the PMRPC.

It was agreed that Ms. Bice will revise the Regional Comprehensive Plan to include revisions to account for Douglass Township's withdraw from the PMRPC.

10. Municipal Updates

Douglass Township

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

East Coventry Township

Ms. Wright 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. Zebrowski noted there is nothing additional to report for New Hanover Township.

North Coventry Township

Ms. Sagona noted that North Coventry Township is drafting a data center ordinance.

Pottstown Borough

Mr. Procsal noted the church project will be integrating the church bell into the building plans.

Upper Pottsgrove Township

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

West Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Price noted a grant project for the sidewalks along Grosstown Road.

11. School District Updates: No representatives present

12. MCPC Update: Ms. Bice noted the following MCPC updates.

- a. Ms. Bice noted the summer schedule and suggested that the Committee meet in June and skip July and August pending that there are no pressing agenda items.

13. Adjournment

Ms. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Sagona seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary