

# West Reading Economic Development Committee

July 8, 2019

6:00 PM

West Reading Borough Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approve June Minutes
4. BID status update – Update – Phil and Mark – Meeting held on May 29<sup>th</sup>
6. **Residential Properties Update**
  - Villas at Narrow property report – Progress of new construction – Four sold?
7. **Significant/Vacant WR Commercial Properties Update**
  - 301 Penn – office suite for lease – Pending kitchen design business
  - 416 Penn – Nitro Bar (2<sup>nd</sup> floor opening first) – end of the month
  - 428 Penn – Rendering of new building displayed onsite
  - 433 Penn – Schweitzer’s Service Center property – Develop plan for property
  - 444 Penn – Residential property added to watch
  - 445, 447, 449 Penn – Continued discussion from codes perspective – Update: Cathy
  - 637 Penn – Mixx - Looking to sell business
  - 707 Penn – Residential property added to watch
  - 711 Penn – For rent – Former Dolce de Zabala – Jamaican restaurant?
  - 723 Penn – Site for new Mi Casa Su Casa (Currently Star Salon)
8. **Strategic Planning Discussion**
  - Wyomissing Report – John
  - Reading Ave/Buttonwood Gateway progress update – anticipated design delivery 7/26
  - Five-year plan – RFP is out – collecting proposals
  - HARB/design strategy discussion – Christin and Phil – Looking to re-schedule w/ PHMC
9. **Old & New Business**
  - Update on recently opened and potential new businesses – UPDATE – Committee Members
  - Railroad Bridge – repainting and potential lighting/embellishments
10. Adjournment