

# 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