

West Reading Economic Development Committee

August 12, 2019

6:00 PM

West Reading Borough Hall

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comments

3. Approve July Minutes

4. BID status update – Update – Mark

6. Residential Properties Update

Villas at Narrow property report – Progress of new construction – No update

7. Significant/Vacant WR Commercial Properties Update

- 301 Penn – office suite for lease – Pending kitchen design business
- 416 Penn – Nitro Bar – opening Aug. 13th
- 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
- 448 Penn – La Abuela closing? – For rent sign on building
- 530 Penn – Awards and More moving – Space for lease
- 637 Penn – Mixx - Business is up for scale
- 707 Penn – Residential property added to watch
- 711 Penn – For rent – Former Dolce de Zabala – Jamaican restaurant – moving slowly
- 723 Penn – Site for new Mi Casa Su Casa (Currently Star Salon) – moving slowly

8. Strategic Planning Discussion

- Wyomissing Report – John
- Reading Ave/Buttonwood Gateway progress update – design delivered
- Five-year plan – interviews are scheduled later this month
- 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