

# West Reading Economic Development Committee

June 8, 2020

6:00 PM

West Reading Borough Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approve December Minutes

## 6. Residential Properties Update

Villas at Narrow property report – Next six homes are nearing completion

## 7. WR Commercial Properties Update

- 301 Penn – office suite for lease
- 416 Penn – Motor Club opening in early 2020 – New date for opening?
- 428 Penn – Updated plans received. Likely delayed into 2021.
- 433 Penn – Schweitzer's Service Center property – Wyo engineer drawing parking plan
- 444 Penn – Residential property added to watch
- 445, 447, 449 Penn – Continued discussion from codes perspective – Update: Discussed talking to solicitor about these last meeting
- 450 Penn – Subway franchise for sale
- 501 Penn – Sunoco – Court case still pending. State enforcement pulled.
- 530 Penn – Rebel Hive Meadery – limited opening
- 614 Penn – Former Bistro – New Greek-themed restaurant coming – Update?
- 615 Penn – Rice - Reopening!
- 635 Penn – East Ridge Outfitters – closing – looking for tenant
- 707 Penn – Residential property added to watch

## 8. Priority Properties List

- 433 Penn – Schweitzer Service Center
- Buttonwood St. properties nearest bridge – 300, 330 (one owner), 340 (Mailroom

Systems)

## 8. Strategic Planning Discussion

- Wyomissing Report – John
- Reading Ave/Buttonwood Gateway progress update – Planned application for this year
- Five-year plan – Derck and Edson – Draft submitted
- HARB/design strategy discussion – 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 soon - K. Kozo idea

## 10. Adjournment