

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

Township Supervisors:

Mr. Chris Pielli, Esq., Chair
Ms. Robin Stuntebeck, Vice-Chair
Ms. Mary R. LaSota, Esq., Member
Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Bill Webb, Zoning Officer
Ms. Rebecca Geiser, Township Solicitor
Mr. Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager

A special joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, the West Goshen Township Planning Commission, West Chester Borough Council and the West Chester Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Chris Pielli and Council President Diane LeBold, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

Mr. Pielli and Ms. LeBold opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Pielli asked that all attending elected officials, Planning Commission members, Solicitors and municipal staff members introduce themselves.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Timothy Cassidy, Bernardon Associates, to provide an overview of the proposed West Chester University Overlay Zoning project.

Mr. Cassidy provided a complete overview of the history, process and results of the approximately eighteen months of work by West Goshen Township and West Chester Borough regarding the possibility of establishing a special Zoning District Overlay to manage the growth of West Chester University. It is proposed that the Overlay District be established over the existing Zoning Districts for the Township and Borough, creating a distinct growth area and boundary for the University. He stated that the new Overlay District does not include any provisions for new private student housing, only University offices, classrooms and other University-specific uses. Mr. Cassidy reviewed four maps he created showing existing Zoning and the proposed Overlay District. The maps display the proposed boundaries for the new Overlay District.

Mr. Pielli then turned the meeting over to Ms. Kristin Camp, West Chester Borough Solicitor. Ms. Camp provided an overview of the proposed Zoning Ordinance that would be required to be enacted by the Borough to establish the new Overlay District.

Ms. Rebecca Geiser, West Goshen Township Solicitor, then provided an overview of the proposed Zoning Ordinance that would be required to be enacted by the Township to establish the new Overlay District. She and Ms. Camp stated that the two proposed Ordinances are almost identical, as the intent of the new Overlay District is to provide continuity between the two municipalities and their Zoning Ordinances in regards to the University.

Questions were then posed by the various elected officials and members of the two Planning Commissions.

The audience was then provided an opportunity to ask questions with the elected officials, Solicitors and municipal staff members providing as many answers as possible.

As for next steps, as this was the first public discussion of the proposed Overlay District and Ordinances, additional public discussions and mailings as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code will occur over the next months into 2019. A formal public adoption hearing must occur as well, and Ms. Camp suggested that the adoption hearing could take the form of another joint meeting between the Township and Borough.

A lengthy discussion followed and may be viewed at the West Goshen Township YouTube with the link found at www.westgoshen.org.

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Mr. Pielli thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and confirmed that the West Goshen Township Planning Commission's meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2019 will have a discussion of the proposed Overlay District.

No official action or votes were taken by the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors nor the West Goshen Township Planning Commission during this meeting.

Please view this meeting's video recording via YouTube with the link located at www.westgoshen.org.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Carrie Martin, seconded by Ms. LeBold, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary