

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors desires to make sustainability a priority; and

WHEREAS, the West Goshen Township 2019 Comprehensive Plan provides for the enactment of energy conservation and renewable energy ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the West Chester Area Council of Governments commissioned a 100% Renewable Energy Transition Study prepared by CADMUS (the "Energy Study"); and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted Resolution No. 10-2020 accepting the Energy Study and its findings on July 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Study calls for community engagement to achieve goals related to environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, under the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. Section 66506, municipalities may enact ordinances for the proper management of the Township and the health and welfare of its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by authority of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township that the West Goshen Township Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. A new chapter shall be adopted and provide as follows:

"Sustainability Advisory Committee.

§ 1. Creation of Committee. There is hereby established a committee to be known as the "Sustainability Advisory Committee."

§2. Committee Membership, term of office.

- A. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the members of the Committee. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of five and maximum of seven members.
- B. The members of the Committee shall be residents of the Township.
- C. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint three members of the Committee who shall serve an initial term of two years commencing on August 18, 2020. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint at a minimum two members and at a maximum four members of the Committee who shall serve a one-year term commencing on August 18, 2020. Thereafter, members of the Committee shall serve a two-year term.
- D. No Member of the Board of Supervisors shall serve on the Committee.

§3. Duties of the Committee. The Committee's mission is to increase collaboration between Township departments on issues regarding environmental sustainability of the Township. The Committee seeks to develop initiatives aimed at increasing Township staff knowledge, developing community partnerships, and fostering sustainable best management practices. To accomplish this mission, the Committee shall:

- A. Provide advice, guidance, and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, on the following:
 - 1. Implementation of the recommendations from the Township's 2019 Comprehensive Plan related to energy conservation and renewable energy.
 - 2. Implementation of objectives and goals of the Energy Study.
 - 3. Development of policies in order to achieve goals related to sustainable practices and initiatives.
- B. The Committee shall adhere to the following parameters:
 - 1. The Committee shall not perform administrative duties or have executive authority.
 - 2. The Committee shall not have the authority to spend Township funds unless specifically approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - 3. The Township Manager shall assign employees of the Township to serve as liaison to and provide staff services to the Committee.
 - 4. The Committee shall not have the power to enter into contracts on behalf of the Township.

§4. Meetings; procedures for meetings.

- A. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public unless otherwise permitted by law.
- B. Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held on a designated day as established at an annual organizational meeting. The first regular meeting in January of each year shall constitute the annual organizational meeting. At the organizational meeting, the Committee shall elect by majority vote a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to take minutes of meetings.
- C. Special meetings may be held as needed upon the call of the Chairman or Vice Chairman, provided that appropriate notice of each meeting is given to each member and to the public in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- D. A quorum shall consist of at least a majority of all members of the Committee.”

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following the enactment as by law provided.

[Signature page to follow]

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

Casey LaLonde, Secretary

BY: _____
Robin Stuntebeck, Chair

Shaun Walsh, Vice-Chair

Ashley Gagné, Member

John Hellmann, Member

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member