

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP; PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE; ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAID COMMITTEE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, IF AVAILABLE, TO SAID COMMITTEE.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. CREATION

There is hereby established a Committee to be known as the West Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee.

SECTION II. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity for advising on sustainability activities and to foster community engagement for sustainability initiatives within the Township. To accomplish this purpose, the Committee shall:

- (1) The mission statement of the Committee is as follows: to increase collaboration between Township departments on issues regarding the economic vitality and environmental sustainability of West Goshen Township. The Committee seeks to develop initiatives aimed at increasing Township staff knowledge, developing community partnerships, and fostering sustainable best management practices.
- (2) The responsibilities of the Committee will include, but are not limited to, developing policies in order to implement practices and achieve goals related to sustainable practices and initiatives and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on these practices and ways these goals can be achieved. In addition, the Committee will be responsible for reviewing land development plans to offer suggestions for implementation of green infrastructure and to promote the goals of sustainable practices. The Committee will report to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION III. MEMBERSHIP

The said Sustainability Advisory Committee shall:

- a. Consist of a minimum of five members who must be residents of the Township. The membership of the Committee shall include individuals who have an interest or expertise in sustainability and environmental initiatives.
- b. Be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- c. Serve a term of office for three years except for the initial term, which shall be two members for two years, and three members for three years.

- d. Serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses necessary to conduct the responsibilities of the Committee when authorized by the Board of Supervisors;
- e. Elect annually a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and other officers as deemed necessary by the Committee.

A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Supervisors for the unexpired term. The Committee may make recommendations for appointees to the Board of Supervisors for unfulfilled terms and for full terms. The Committee may have the right to establish appropriate sub-committees to assist with research, to lend expertise, and to perform other duties as assigned by the Committee. Each sub-committee shall be chaired by a member of the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

SECTION IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at intervals deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Committee shall keep records of its meetings and activities, and submit periodic reports to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION V. ASSISTANCE AND BUDGET

In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Sustainability Advisory Committee may, with the prior consent of the Board of Supervisors, utilize any funds, personnel, or other assistance made available by the Township, County, the Commonwealth, or Federal government, or any of their agencies, or from private sources. The Board of Supervisors may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or utilization of the funds or assistance in accordance with Township procedures. The West Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee shall submit a proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors during the regular Township budget process.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY. If any 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 sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION VII. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five days following enactment as by law provided.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, this day of , 2020.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

Casey LaLonde, Secretary

BY: _____
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