

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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 AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors desires to make environmental 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. _____ 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:

"Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee.

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

§2. Committee Membership, term of office.

- A. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the members the Committee. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of five and maximum of seven members.
- B. A majority of the members of the Committee shall be residents of the Township, with no more than two non-resident members.
- C. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint three members of the Committee who shall serve an initial term of two years commencing on _____. 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 _____. Thereafter, members of the Committee shall serve a two-year term.

§3. Qualifications; powers and duties. 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 provided for in the budget, specifically approved by the Board of Supervisors and subsequently approved by the Township Manager or a member of the administrative staff authorized to do so by the Township Manager.
 - 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. 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.

§5. Obligations and expenditures. The Committee shall not have the power to obligate the Township or expend Township funds without the expressed consent, in writing, of the Board of Supervisors.”

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. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following the enactment as by law provided.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

Casey LaLonde, Secretary

BY: _____
Robin Stuntebeck, Chair

Shaun Walsh, Vice-Chair

Ashley Gagné, Member

John Hellman, Member

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member