

**Borough of West Reading**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

May 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM  
West Reading Borough Hall

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - April 13, 2026 Economic Development Committee meeting minutes
- 4. Committee Organization**
  - Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair
  - Nomination and appointment of Committee Secretary
- 5. Residential Properties Update**
  - Residential property transfers and development trends
  - Vacant or opportunity properties, if applicable
- 6. Business and Commercial Properties Update**
  - Recent openings, relocations, and ribbon cuttings**
    - 402 Penn Avenue - Winnie Tea Bar moved to this location.
    - 610 Penn Avenue - Spoonful of Thai moved to this location.
    - 615 Penn Avenue - SoFul opened at this location.
    - 22 N. 6th Avenue - Deep Roots Cafe opened recently.
    - 500A Penn Avenue - Link'd Permanent Jewelry ribbon cutting scheduled for June 12, 2026.
  - Properties in transition, available, or under review**
    - 448 Penn Avenue - La Abuela closed; a new restaurant is anticipated for the space.
    - 401 Penn Avenue - Aladin is listed for sale.
    - 510 Penn Avenue - Psychic space is available for lease privately.
    - 559 Penn Avenue - Cigar lounge space has been subdivided into three spaces.
    - 605 Penn Avenue - Available for lease privately.
    - 609 Penn Avenue - Available for lease privately.
    - 634 Penn Avenue - Listed for lease; temporarily off the market.
    - 725 Penn Avenue - Former Winnie Tea Bar space is available for lease; temporarily off the market.
    - 635 Penn Avenue - Vacant; transferred in January and evaluating options.
  - Properties under agreement**
    - 215 S. 5th Avenue - Neo Pangia is under agreement at \$700,000; settlement scheduled for May 15, 2026.
    - 612 Reading Avenue - Under agreement at \$299,900; settlement scheduled for June 15, 2026.
- 7. Strategic Planning and Committee Priorities**
  - Review the role, purpose, and ongoing goals of the Economic Development Committee.
  - Business retention and expansion: existing business needs, trends, and support opportunities.
  - Business attraction: vacant property tracking, high-value industry opportunities, and outreach strategies.
  - Workforce development: partnerships, small business support, internships, and local skill-building opportunities.

- Business directory and communications: possible updates to Borough resources, social media visibility, and business outreach.
- Policy and regulatory review: accessibility, walkability, zoning, permitting, and other commercial development concerns.

**8. Old Business**

- Business Improvement District update.
- Railroad trestle / railroad bridge update.
- Design standards update, if applicable.

**9. New Business**

**10. Additional Public Comment, if applicable**

**11. Adjournment**