## *RESOLUTION NO.* <u>09 - 2013</u>

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## RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, the West Chester Land Use Planning Committee ("LUPC") is comprised of West Chester residents representative of the community and appointed by the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the West Chester Township Butler County, Ohio Land Use Plan was last revised in 2004, with minor revisions in 2009 and 2010 ("Current Plan"); and,

WHEREAS, in May 2011 the LUPC acknowledged that it is general practice to review and update land use plans every 5 to 10 years as conditions change, and initiated the review and update process of the Current Plan; and,

WHEREAS, over a 19 month period, the LUPC conducted regular public meetings wherein proposed updates to the Current Plan were discussed and debated; and,

WHEREAS, over the update period the LUPC welcomed comments and concerns from interested business and property owners, which were considered by the LUPC resulting in many updates and modifications; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2012, the LUPC completed their proposed update of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and presented the draft document ("Revised Plan") to the general public for further review and comment; and,

WHEREAS, in January 2013, the Revised Plan was posted on the Township's official web page with a request for interested parties to review and submit comments by e-mail, and notification of the posting was advertised on West Chester Community Television and via information cards that were available in the lobby of highly visited Township departments; and,

WHEREAS, by advertisement, on March 18, 2013 a joint meeting of the West Chester Zoning Commission ("ZC") and LUPC was conducted where the Revised Plan was presented with notable changes referenced, and public input was received, considered and taken under advisement; and,

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2013, the LUPC conducted a public meeting to consider and discuss all the comments that have been submitted thus far regarding the Revised Plan, including written comments, e-mail comments, and comments received at the above mentioned joint meeting of the ZC and LUPC, resulting in several updates and modifications; and,

WHEREAS, by advertisement, on April 15, 2013 a second joint meeting of the ZC and LUPC was conducted where the updated Revised Plan was presented with notable changes referenced, and further public input was received; and,

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2013, at the above mentioned joint meeting of the ZC and LUPC, the LUPC unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the updated Revised Plan be approved by the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2013, at the above mentioned joint meeting of the ZC and LUPC, the ZC unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the updated Revised Plan be approved by the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, by advertisement, a public hearing for the aforesaid update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was conducted before the West Chester Township Board of Trustees on June 11, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, all those present for the hearing who wished to be heard voiced their opinions with respect thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined it to be in the best interest of West Chester Township to have in place a current plan to help guide future land use and policy decisions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on the basis of the above actions and findings the West Chester Township Board of Trustees does hereby concur with the recommendations of the West Chester Zoning Commission and West Chester Land Use Planning Committee and does hereby approve the proposed update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the following conditions:

**SECTION 1.** The Comprehensive Land Use Plan shall be adopted as presented.

**SECTION 2.** It is authorized that the West Chester Township Comprehensive Land Use Plan ("Revised Plan") shall serve as the principal land use planning policy document for West Chester Township and which shall, and hereby does, supersede in its entirety the previous West Chester Township Butler County, Ohio Land Use Plan ("Current Plan").

**SECTION 3.** The West Chester Community Development Department staff shall be authorized to make any minor modifications deemed necessary such as formatting, correction of typographical errors, if any, and updating graphic base maps as that information becomes available.

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ATTEST:

Bruce Jones, Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Donald L. Crain, Law Director