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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Willistown Township Remembers Beloved Resident and Staff Member Rita Reves

The Willistown Township Board of Supervisors, staff, and Police Department remember longtime resident and employee, Rita Reves, who passed away peacefully on September 28, 2023 at the age of 96.

No Willistown resident can boast a record of service as lengthy and comprehensive as Rita Reves. A resident of Willistown since 1960, Rita served the Township in nearly every capacity – as an elected official, a volunteer, and as a member of the Township staff. In 1980, Rita was the first woman elected to the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors. She served on the Board for 12 years, including several as its Chair. In 1994, Rita joined the Township staff as the Planning Director, reviewing plans and happily assisting fellow residents until her retirement in 2020. Rita also served as a volunteer member of the Willistown Planning Commission for 23 years, including 22 as its Chair. She further served the greater community as a member of the Chester County Planning Commission. In 2017, the Willistown Board of Supervisors named the Township park on Garrett Mill Road “Rita Reves Park” in her honor.

When it came to planning, Rita was a visionary. She devoted her expertise and countless hours of service to Willistown Township, helping to shape it into the verdant and treasured place it is today. Rita is reunited with her late husband, her favorite dance and political debate partner, Clifford Reves.