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Monclova Township Provides Clarification on Data Center Concerns

Township underscores transparency, facts, and public process surrounding any potential project

Monclova Township is aware of heightened public interest and speculation regarding the possibility of a data center being built within the township. We appreciate the community's engagement and want to provide clear, factual information to help alleviate misunderstandings that have circulated in recent weeks. At this time, there is **no data center proposal**, no applicant, and no project under review.

Defining - Not Approving - Data Centers

On March 29, 2025, the Township approved a text amendment to the zoning resolution. The purpose of this amendment was simple: to add a *definition* for data centers, because the zoning code had no definition previously. The amendment also outlined a **Conditional Use process** for any future data center application.

This approach was intentionally chosen to *protect the township*. A Conditional Use process allows the Board of Zoning Appeals to impose conditions, evaluate impacts, and ensure that the community's interests are safeguarded. Without this structure, a straight zoning change would offer no such protections.

The effective date for this amendment, after the required statutory waiting period, was **May 1, 2025**.

No Application. No Site Plan. No Zoning Certificate.

To date, **Monclova Township has received no applications** for a data center.

Because no application exists:

- **No site plan** has been submitted or reviewed.
- **No zoning certificate** has been issued.
- **No hearings** have taken place.

Any data center discussion at this stage is purely hypothetical.

If an actual application is ever submitted, the township is legally required to hold a public hearing. As always, we will exceed the minimum transparency requirements set by Ohio Revised Code. Our public notice procedures include:

- Posting legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation (The Blade printed and online)
- Posting notices at the Administration Building
- Posting notices on the proposed development site
- Publishing the full case file online at monclovatwp.org at the Legal Notices tab
- Adding notices to the township website

All hearings are open to the public and recorded, and residents are free to review our full meeting history at any time online. We normally archive the previous year's trustees' meeting agendas and audio recording on site at the Administrative Offices, however given the heightened interest in our 2025 meetings, we are going to maintain the full 2025 history of trustees' agendas and audio in a clickable link at monclovatwp.org's Agenda and Minutes page.

Transparency in Practice

Residents have expressed concerns about transparency. We want to be clear: **there have been no discussions, negotiations, or meetings with any developer regarding a data center project**, because no project exists. Township officials cannot discuss or evaluate a proposal that has never been brought forward.

Even so, the Township has made space for questions at every public meeting where residents have attended. Many of these questions have centered on a hypothetical scenario rather than an actual project. While we cannot provide details on something that does not exist, we continue to answer questions openly and provide factual information.

Our Commitment to the Community

Monclova Township remains committed to transparent governance, responsible planning, and maintaining the trust of our residents. Every step of every development review occurs in public and in compliance with state law-and often with additional measures that exceed what the law requires.

We encourage residents to stay engaged, review meeting recordings, and reach out with questions. If a data center application is ever submitted, the public will be notified promptly and thoroughly, and the full review process will take place in open forums.

We have stated this in a variety of ways and would like to do so again. Just because something is written on a social media post, does not make it true.

For additional questions, residents may reach out to a trustee. Phone numbers and emails are published on our website or My Monclova app.

Take care this Christmas season,

Monclova Township Board of Trustees