

Original

East Union Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting on January 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Meeting Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance:

Officer	Present	Absent
Kyle Mummey - Chairperson	x	
Wendy Danchision – Vice Chairperson	x	
Jill Careyva - Supervisor	x	
Michael Gaizick - Treasurer	x	
Donald Karpowich, Esq. - Solicitor	x	
Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E. - Engineer	x	
Greg Kurtz – Zoning Officer		x
Richard Verbonitz – Code Enforcement		x
Secretary – Jessica Tirpak		x

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (5 minutes per person):

Ray Trojan inquired about the planned locations for data centers. The ordinance aims to limit data centers to the industrial zone only.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Zoning Amendments for Data Center and Data Center Accessory Uses, Electric Generation, Plant, Energy Storage System, and Fiber Optic Switch Facility

1. Danchision made motion to adopt Zoning Amendment as advertised to regulate Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses, Electric Generation, Plants, Energy Storage Systems, and Fiber Optic Switch Facilities. Mummey 2nd Motion Roll Call: Mummey __ AYE __; Danchision __ AYE __; Careyva _ AYE __

Karpowich stated the ordinance regulates where and how data centers can be established in East Union Township. Under the current zoning ordinance, uses not explicitly addressed are permitted by special exception, potentially allowing them anywhere in the township with zoning board approval. "Whenever in any district established use is neither permitted nor denied and an application is made by landowner to the zoning officer, the zoning officer shall refer the application to the zoning board to here and decide to request a special exception." The new ordinance addresses this by allowing data centers by conditional use in the industrial zone. Conditional use is reviewed/denied by the governing body, while special exceptions are reviewed/denied by the zoning board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Danchision made motion to *table* the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance to provide for the construction, reconstruction, repair or other improvements to Green Mountain Road. *Motion made to table.* Careyva 2nd Motion Roll Call: Mummey __ AYE __; Danchision __ AYE __; Careyva _ AYE __

Motion Tabled to allow the Solicitor to advertise the draft amendments to the zoning ordinance and map

as discussed.


Mericle offers to help advocate and tell a better story to the state, emphasizing the tax revenue generated by the businesses in the park. They propose match funding and working with businesses, requesting a full grant cycle before passing any new language. Kevin asks if Mericle wants to partner with the township to push legislators to fund the grant. Mericle confirms, stating they have constant communication with legislators and understand grant amounts and competitiveness. They advise against asking for too much, suggesting smaller, phased grants.

Dominic Yannuzzi explains that the \$1.6 million figure is an estimate for the next 10 years, accounting for future repairs. He likes the idea of phasing and partnering, suggesting the supervisors consider tabling the assessment and working through the grant process with Mericle's assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NONAGENDA ITEMS):

Discussion was had to discuss map amendments:

A new zoning map will be created, incorporating elements from the existing one, followed by public hearings and planning commission meetings. The public (businesses, homeowners, etc.) will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed new map. The new map will be available on the website and will be easier to review than the current map. The goal is for the new map to be accurate and of high quality, with zones following.

 Kevin, Chairman
