Newport Township Commissioners
Public Statement
November 4th, 2026

The Newport Township Commissioners appreciate and encourage continued public dialogue related to the potential development of a data center in Newport Township.

The regular meeting of the Newport Township Commissioners, scheduled for November 9th, has no issues related to the proposed Fit Energy development on the public agenda. As a result, the Newport Township Commissioners will invite residents to provide public comment on any matter of interest, but we cannot address any comments beyond the public agenda items.

For public clarification, Newport Township officials have made no final decision on data center development and cannot offer public comment on potential projects until proposed projects move through the established legal process. Furthermore, there is also a pending litigation action against Newport Township that prevents the Commissioners from commenting on the matter.

The Newport Township Commissioners have followed all governing laws related to actions under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code that will establish a legally binding process to ensure all questions related to any land development in Newport Township are answered before development proceeds.

Newport Township officials, by bringing back the local zoning board and passing a new zoning ordinance, have taken significant action to ensure local control and public input on land development in our community.

The new zoning ordinance requires developers to submit a Full Impact Assessment Study (FIA) as part of the permit process before a project moves forward to final approval, a critical element of transparency that will answer many of the questions being raised by residents. Public comment by the Newport Township Commissioners on a project before the FIA study is completed would be speculative in nature and undermine the legally established process.

The Newport Township Commissioners will continue to follow the law and we will continue to provide for community input at every stage of the process.

The Newport Township Commissioners are committed to responsible land development that enhances the quality of life in our community, protects our environment, and promotes broad economic prosperity for Newport Township residents.