Minutes: **Russell Township Zoning Commission**
Russell Township Community Room
October 28, 2026

Present Barry Rogers
Jim Dickinson
Shannon Stanich
Chris Stormann
Nathan Wynveen

Also, in attendance; Chris Hare, Trustee
Frank Kolk, Zoning Inspector
Bonnie Guyer, Zoning Secretary

Agenda:

I. **Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.**

II. **Zoning Resolution Amendments Status**

Trustees adopted the Zoning Commission Amendment revisions on October 1, 2026. The amendment revisions are official as of November 1, 2062. Copies to be delivered to the Planning Commission and Record's Office within 5 days.

III. **Data Centers**

Concerns. Chairman Rogers addressed concerns expressed by Trustees, staff, and residents about data centers in Russell Township and the urgency of addressing the issue. Proposed data center zoning amendments from Findlay were available for reference.

Current Zoning Provisions. The discussion focused on the current Zoning Resolution Book, which does not list data centers as a permitted use. However, Section 6.5.8 includes "data processing" as a conditional use, which could be interpreted to include data centers.

Potential Revision. One option for future consideration is to remove "data processing" from Section 6.5.8 to prevent data centers from being allowed unintentionally.

County Planning Commission. Linda Crombie, Director of the Geauga Planning Commission, is developing data center zoning guidelines for presentation at the Planning Commission's November 10 meeting.

Zoning Commission Consensus. The consensus was to defer developing data center zoning regulations until the county planning commission provides its recommendations.

IV. 2926 Last Meeting and 2027 Initial Meeting

The next meeting is November 18th. It is expected an Application for a Zoning Amendment will be initiated by a property owner. To accommodate the Amendment Procedures a December 16th meeting is added.
Draft 2027 meeting schedule was distributed.

V. Additional Item

The AI review of the Zoning Resolution is delayed with data center regulations being a priority.

VI. Review and Approved September 23, 2026, Minutes.

Mr. Wynveen motioned to accept September 23, minutes. Ms. Stanich seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was; Mr. Dickinson-abstain; Ms. Stannich-yes; Dr. Stormann-yes; Mr. Wynveen-yes; Mr. Rogers-yes. The motion passed.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Wynveen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Dr. Stormann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

11-18-26
Barry Rogers, Chairman, Date

Bonnie Guyer, Zoning Secretary, Date