

ROBESON TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes  
December 4, 2025

Present: Chip Kerasin, Kate Kennedy, Anne-Marie McMahon, Tom Keim, Chris Smith (supervisor liaison)

Guests: Sally Stalnaker, Stan Stalnaker, Mary Ellen Mahan, Molly Goslin

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes - 11/6/25

Chip moved to approve, Anne-Marie seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

5. Citizens Comments -

Most of the EAC meeting was given over to a discussion with the numerous citizens present. They expressed concern about many aspects of data centers, including power outages, water usage - especially from private wells, water pollution, use of wastewater, traffic, noise, vibration, higher electric rates, decreased property values, emergency response time, and more.

They were happy to hear that the EAC had taken these factors into consideration with their proposed ordinance. However, citizens noted that the BOS had not read the draft data center ordinance that was on the agenda for the November BOS meeting and thus, no substantive discussion had yet taken place. They welcome that discussion.

We told citizens present that apart from whatever changes the citizens or BOS request to the draft, the township lawyer would also need to review and revise the ordinance to reflect correct section headers and point to other sections in Robeson's existing ordinances, where referenced in the draft - this would all need to happen before the BOS could vote on a final version.

The citizens urged the BOS to request back-up documentation about any claims the developers may make about jobs and revenue, and specify the tax abatements that might be offered.

They also urged the EAC to start publicizing its findings and linking to resources about negative impacts on environment and health in communities around the country in which data centers have already been built.

6. Discussion Items

- Draft Data Center Ordinance and letter sent to Board of Supervisors.
  - Done during public comments, see above.
- EAC on Township website - update survey and email address.
  - We decided that the survey no longer serves a useful function now that the EAC has its own email address where residents can contact us. The survey may be removed from the website and will be discontinued.
- EAC positions and terms reviewed in accordance with the Bylaws.
  - Reviewed. We also noted Chip Kerasin's written request to end her term as an EAC member.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Draft Data Center Ordinance and letter sent to Board of Supervisors. Incorporate feedback from BOS meetings and township lawyer as needed.

8. Old Business - n/a

9. Adjourned at 8:40 pm. Chip moved, Tom seconded, all in favor, motion carried.