

What can Pere Marquette Charter Township residents do against a Data Center?

We are gonna have to attend all the Township Board meetings and the Planning Commission meetings. It'll have to be an... organized... turnout of speakers and people taking notes. We gotta go in observing our governments like watchdogs but keeping our woofs respectful and professional.

If the township starts to publicly entertain a Data Center... it would most likely start in the Planning Commission. If they get a proposal from a Data Center or a shell company else... Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) lets township residents ...challenge... a zoning ordinance or amendment... that the board has already adopted.

If the township adopts and publishes a zoning amendment... residents need to file a notice of intent within 7 days of publication of that amendment... it would be published in the Ludington Daily News.

You would then have 30 days to submit petition signatures equal to at least 15% of the township's total gubernatorial vote from the last election where a governor was chosen. That suspends the amendment until voters decide it at the polls. I know that poll workers are interested in taking the lead on this...

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