

# SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2023

1. Meeting called to order 7:00pm pledge.
2. Roll call:
  - Present: Wayne Berens, Al Smalligan, Don Clark, Butch Deur, Doug Berens, Jim VanBoven.
  - Absent: Mark Kukal.
3. Approval of agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Berens.
4. Approval of meeting minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Al Smalligan and 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Clark approved with changes mentioned.
4. Public comments (2 minutes): None.
6. Communications:
  - Chairman's Comments: Input from township board on changes to home business occupation.
    - Doug presented the proposed changes at the Monday night board meeting.
    - Ryan Coffey is here with comments regarding potential concerns from the board on the home business occupation changes.
7. Existing business: Revisit proposed ordinance changes.
  - Ryan Coffey's comments:
    - Number 7 has a change that indicates two (2) non-family individuals working at the home occupation rather than one (1).
    - Industrial operations (e.g., metalwork) were another concern.
    - Does this align with the master plan? Another concern as it kind of "skirts" the edges.
  - Things went over well at the meeting on Monday night and board is ready to set the date for a public hearing.
    - Ryan will work with Jamie to get a public notice in the paper.
  - The board votes to move the ordinance changes as given and set up a public hearing- September 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Berens. Everyone else is in favor.
8. New business: Set public hearing?
  - Next month's meeting – September 13<sup>th</sup> for the public hearing,
9. Review: None.
11. Public comment (2 minutes):
  - Ken Smalligan – for the record he is against items 2 and 3 as stated in the past- states that they are borderline against the master plan and industrial in a sense. Wants the board to enforce the ordinance and not change it for one request.
12. Adjournment:
  - Time: 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Chris Berens