SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES December 11, 2024

- 1. Meeting called to order 7:00 pm. Pledge
- 2. Roll Call:

Present: Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Jim VanBoven, Don Clark, Al Smalligan, Butch

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Absent: Mark Kukal

- 3. Approval of Agenda: 1st by Doug Berens and 2nd by Don Clark
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1st by Wayne Berens and 2nd by Al Smalligan
 - Approval of both November Meeting Minutes and the Public Hearing Minutes
- 5. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
- 6. Communications:

Chairman's Comments: CURRENT BOARD MEMEBERS HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED...thank you for your service to the township...

- Jamie will swear the members in
- 7. Existing Business: Appointment of representative to the DBA.
 - > Reappoint Mark
 - Approval to reappoint Mark. 1st by Doug Berens and 2nd by Wayne Berens
- 8. New Business: Discuss minimum dwelling size. Information from Ryan.
 - Chad has received calls from Real Estate Agents inquiring as to the minimum size of dwellings in our current ordinance and why residents cannot build a smaller dwelling.
 - Current ordinance states:
 - O Nothing smaller than 720 sq ft for a single family.
 - o The shortest wall cannot be smaller than 20 ft. in length.
 - Talked about changing the ordinance to reflect nothing smaller than 20X24 (480 sq ft).
 - o Maintaining the length of 20 ft for the shortest wall.
 - Building requirements and setbacks would stay the same.
 - Ryan to look at the current ordinances and see what would have to be changed and give an example of the new wording to reflect these changes.
 - o This will be discussed at our next meeting, January 8, 2025.
- 9. Review: Have a BLESSED CHRISTMAS....and Happy New Year.
- 10. Public Comment: None
- 12. Adjournment: 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted by, Chris Berens