

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

1. Meeting called to order 7:00pm pledge.
2. Roll call:
 - Present: Mark Kukal, Al Smalligan, Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Don Clark, Butch Deur, Jim VanBoven.
 - Absent: None
3. Approval of agenda: 1st Don Clark and 2nd Mark Kukal.
4. Approval of meeting minutes: 1st Al Smalligan and 2nd Mark Kukal.
4. Public comments (2 minutes): None
6. Communications:
 - Chairman's Comments: Township Cleanup Day- June 3rd 8:00am to 2:00pm.
7. Existing business: Report from Ordinance Committee on List of Changes.
 - Commercial in the agricultural area particularly Amish type operations and control the scale, thinking we can fix this within our existing ordinance.
 - Right now, the township allows home businesses.
 - Section 17.15 Home business occupations- need a special use permit to qualify for this. In all areas except the lake residential area. Must be occupied home. Cannot exceed 2400sqft. No outdoor storage. Can only be carried out by residents living within the home and one other employee.
 - Step scale not to exceed 4000sqft and add additional rules as square footage moves up.
 - Keep 2400sqft or change 1000 and add a sentence that says "except in an area of agricultural district can have up to 4000sqft" leave out the lake residential area. Could add "provided ___ amount of acres to have ___ square feet." For Number 2.
 - Number 3 Nuisance issue add additional language "except in the agricultural district" list other similar business are permitted (e.g., food processing, construction, carpentry, sawmills, metal works).
 - Number 6 Storage "no storage outside except in the agricultural zone."
 - Number 7 Activities must only be carried out by one person owning property.
 - Allowed one person outside the family.
8. New business: Comments from Ryan and Committee- see existing business.
 - Doug to give an FYI to the board on these list of changes at the June meeting.
9. Review: None.
10. ~~Zoning Administration Report: None~~
11. Public comment (2 minutes):
 - Remove zoning administration report from meeting minutes in the future.
12. Adjournment:
 - Time: 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris Berens