

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1. Meeting called to order 7:00pm pledge
2. Roll call  
Present: Don Clark, Mark Kukal, Bob Berens, Butch Deur, Jim VanBoven, Doug Berens, Al Smalligan  
Absent: None
3. Approval of agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Smalligan. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
4. Approval of meeting minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Don Clark and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Kukal. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
5. Public comments (3 minutes): None
6. Communications:
  - Chairman's Comments: None
  - Letter from Cliff regarding short term rentals. Don Clark went to the township board meeting. Also found out it is stopped at the government level. Changes need to be made in regard to short term rentals and other ordinances. Want to hold one public hearing to approve all the changes. Need Chad and John here to discuss 5-6 things. Table until next month's meeting. Need the ordinance to be more consistent. Ken Smalligan and Don Clark to contact Coffey. Don Clark to bring it back to the board of what he says.
  - Terms Ending this Year: Bob, Allen, and Jim. Write one or two sentences to Jaime regarding interest in another term if they are interested.
  - Meeting in October regarding terms.
7. Existing business: short term rental keeps getting kicked around. State has shelved it. Not passed either the house or senate. It's in committee and they are trying to pass it for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Areas and locals want control, rather than having the state have control. Find a way to regulate it so people using this as an income don't take away from the homeowners that are already there. Townships don't want to release that control to the state of Michigan. There are websites out there that include ways to get around holes in the ordinances. Make it safe for everyone there and not just the rental people. Work with Ken to figure out what is going on.
8. New business: None
9. Review: Butch will get with Chad/John to get a list of what needs to be changed in the ordinances. Butch will bring the information that he gets back from Chad/John back to the board.
10. Zoning Administration Report: will get a report from zoning administrator (Chad).
11. Public comment: None
12. Adjournment  
Time: 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Chris Berens