

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2024

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 pm. Pledge
2. Roll Call:
Present: Mark Kukal, Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Jim VanBoven, Don Clark, Al Smalligan, Butch Deur
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st by Doug and 2nd by Mark
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1st by Al and 2nd by Don
5. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
6. Communications:
Chairman's Comments: You are all invited to the ZBA Training following our normal meeting.
7. Existing Business:
 - Comments from Ryan. Go over proposed storage container ordinance, with reference to township boards concerns.
 - Ken Smalligan would like residents to have 5 acres to be able to have one storage container and the rest of the board was good with the way the ordinance as presented from the Planning Commission.
 - After talking amongst the planning commission, the decision was made to change the ordinance to say that you must have 5 acres for one storage container and 10+ acres to have two storage containers. The max amount would be two storage containers allowed.
 - This is now going to go to a public hearing prior to the next planning commission meeting on November 13.
 - Ryan to send out the revised proposed ordinance regarding storage containers.
8. New Business: Zoning Administrator had one item to address
 - Chad had Ezra Bontrager come to him and ask if he would be able to change the existing sawmill business currently on his property to make storage shed mini barns.
 - Ezra came with all necessary documentation to be able to show that planning commission members what he would be doing.
 - After discussing this amongst the board and with Ryan's input it was agreed that this would be a grandfathered business.
 - Mini barns are currently permitted in our current ordinance.
 - The only question the board had that was not addressed in the papers was about the hours of operation.
 - Ezra stated that the hours would be Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm.
 - The board was happy and thanked Ezra for having all the paperwork that they needed to help them understand what he would be doing.

- ALL Planning Commission Members agreed that this would be allowed. Chad to help Ezra with the proper paperwork.

9. Review: Public Hearing prior to Planning Commission Meeting on November 13.

10. Public Comment: None

12. Adjournment: 7:21 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris Berens