

## Sherman Township Planning Commission Minutes 3/14/18

Meeting called to order: By Chairperson Butch Deur

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairperson Butch Deur

Roll Call: All present

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Al Smalligan and supported by Warren Stroven to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Meeting Dates, Zoning Administrators Job description, Van Boven Special Use. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were read by secretary Van Ostenberg. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Warren Stroven and seconded by Al Smalligan. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Jim Van Boven asked about his Special Use, Chairperson Deur asked that this issue be discussed later in the meeting.

Communications: Chairperson Deur reported on the Planning and Zoning class attended in Ottawa County.

Existing Business:

- We discussed a good starting point for the revision of the zoning map, the master plan and the possible use of a professional planner.
- We discussed Dwelling size. A motion was made by Doug Berens and supported by Don Clark to reduce the Minimum dwelling size from 960 to 720 sq. ft. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows: Al Smalligan no, Doug Berens yes, Warren Stroven no, Don Clark yes, Butch Deur yes, Dean van Ostenberg no, Dale Berens yes.
- After some discussion a motion was made by Al Smalligan and supported by Don Clark to request the Township Board remove the signature requirement from the Complaint form. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows: Al Smalligan yes, Doug Berens no, Warren Stroven yes, Don Clark yes, Butch Deur no, Dean Van Ostenberg yes, Dale Berens yes.
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#### New Business:

- Al Smalligan made a motion supported by Dean Van Ostenberg to set the meeting dates for the second Wednesday of the month from April 2018 to March 2019. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- Chad Kukal reported that Mr. Neil Hershberger was requesting a soil mining permit for the old briar hill property.
- We discussed the Zoning Administrator's job description. Warren Stroven presented a sample description.
- We discussed the Van Boven property and the need for a Special Use permit. It was decided to consult the township attorney during a conference call to find some resolution.
- The Centerline property issue no longer exists.

Zoning Administrators Report: None

Public Comment: There was further discussion of the Van Boven property.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Al Smalligan and supported by Warren Stroven to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.