

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

DECEMBER 10TH MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order: Pledge
2. Roll Call:
 - ✓ Present: Mark Kukal, Doug Berens, Jim VanBoven, Butch Deur, Don Clark
 - ✓ Absent: Wayne Berens, Al Smalligan
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st by Don Clark and 2nd by Doug Berens
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1st by Doug Berens and 2nd by Mark Kukal
5. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
6. Communications:
 - ✓ Chairman's comments: WELCOME BOARD MEMEBERS
 - i. Don Clark, Butch Deur and Mark Kukal were all reappointed for a 3-year term
7. Existing Business: None
8. New Business: REVIEW MASTER PLAN
 - ✓ Ryan stated that the Master Plan is to be reviewed every 5 years
 - ✓ Amendments that could be added include"
 - i. Public Transportation
 1. There is no public transportation
 - ii. Complete Streets
 1. Rural area with no plans to put in sidewalks
 - iii. Capital Improvement Plan:
 1. This is for infrastructure
 - a. We currently do not have a Capital Improvement Plan
 - i. The one infrastructure in the township is handled by the Sewer Authority. The township does not contribute to this.
 - iv. HOME WORK FOR THE BOARD – review the Master plan prior to January's meeting. Circle any changes and write down any thing you feel needs to be added. This will be discussed at the January 2026 meeting.
 - v. Ryan stated that there are three things the board could do with the Master Plan.
 1. Throw out the old and write a new plan
 2. Review the plan and make minor amendments
 3. Take a rubber stamp and approve it as is. If this is the decision of the board this would be on the agenda at the next meeting. It

would be discussed that everyone on the board is good with the current plan. This decision would be acknowledged in the meeting minutes. At the time of the next census the board would update the data from the census.

vi. THREE THINGS FOR THE JANUARY 2026 MEETING:

1. Swear in the reappointed members (Butch, Don and Mark)
2. Discuss the Master Plan
3. Election of officers and set 2026 meeting dates

- ✓ Ryan asked the board if Abby Watkins, (Emergency Services Director), had contracted someone from the township regarding a Hazardous Waste Cost Recovery Ordinance.
 - i. Stan Stroven has brought this up to the Township Board in their December meeting. The board will discuss this in their January 2026 meeting.
 - ii. The Hazardous Waste Cost Recovery Ordinance would be a stand-alone ordinance and would put the responsibility of the cost to clean up a hazardous waste spill on the individual that caused the spill. The township would not be responsible.

9. Review: None

10. Public Comment:

- ✓ The neighbors, (Jim VanBoven and Cyle Barrett), to the property at 2815 W 12th Street wanted to let the board know that new trailers with personal belongs have been brought to the property, this was also discussed at the November 2025 meeting and a complaint filed. The owner of the property is Gail Alexander.
 - i. Chad is now aware of the new items on the property and is working on the complaint.

11. Visitors in the audience: Cyle Barrett and Ken Smalligan

12. Adjournment: 7:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Berens