

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 8, 2026 MEETING MINUTES 7 PM

1. Meeting called to order: Pledge
2. Roll Call:
 - ✓ Present: Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Al Smalligan, Don Clark, Mark Kukal, Cyle Barrett
 - ✓ Absent: Jim VanBoven
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st by Mark Kukal and 2nd by Cyle Barrett
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1st by Mark Kukal and 2nd by Doug Berens
5. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
6. Communications:
 - ✓ Chairman's comments: MTA Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning
 - i. Don asked all committee members to make sure they are receiving this and if not to let him know so he can make sure they get it going forward.
7. Existing Business:
 - ✓ Training through the MTA. Ryan's opinion on pertinent material.
 - i. You are able to go on and take Webinar's.
 - ii. If you have to pay you will get reimbursed.
 - iii. Ryan let the committee members know that MSU will be having a 6-week training course in either September or October if anyone would like to attend. This is one day a week for 6 weeks.
 - iv. Don will get Ryan all committee members email and Ryan will send a link to the MSU's website. There are several training opportunities.
8. New Business: Ryan Coffy to discuss the new PA58 Land Division Act
 - ✓ This went in effect on March 24, 2027
 - i. Prior to the new act you could divide a 10-acre parcel 4 times.
 - ii. The new act took 4 splits on a 10-acre parcel to 10 splits on a 10-acre parcel.
 1. This does not override the townships ordinance.
 - a. We cannot be more restrictive than the what the state allows.
 2. Based on how our current ordinance is written, Ryan does not see anything that we would need to change.
9. Review: Don will review the webinars to see if there are any that would be pertinent for the committee to take.
10. Public Comment (3 minutes): None
11. Visitors in the audience: Ken Smalligan
12. Adjournment: 7:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Berens