

## SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### FEBRUARY 11, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order: Pledge
2. Roll Call:
  - ✓ Present: Mark Kukal, Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Al Smalligan, Jim VanBoven, Don Clark, Cyle Barrett
3. Approval of Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> by Doug Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Berens
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> by Mark Kukal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Smalligan
5. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
6. Communications:
  - ✓ Chairman's comments:
    - i. Asked to have the website updated with newest Sherman Township Elected and Appointed Officials
7. Existing Business:
  - ✓ Final discussion of the 5-year Master Plan. Vote to continue as written or with changes.
    - i. There was discussion around what the board had decided regarding the Master Plan.
    - ii. The board's decision was that there were no changes that needed to be changed or addressed.
      1. Therefore, the plan may stand as adopted.
      2. Mark Kukal made the first motion that the plan may stand as adopted and was seconded by Al Smalligan. All in favor.
  - ✓ Has the Township Board approved the Hazardous materials/waste recovery ordinance?
    - i. This was discussed at the February 2026 Board meeting and was tabled until March meeting.
  - ✓ Updates on the property at 2815 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - i. The people that are living in the trailer are not the owners. The owners are in the process of having them removed.
    - ii. Chad is waiting on paperwork from the county.
    - iii. There has been some progress made in the clean-up.
8. New Business: Data Centers
  - ✓ Ryan talked to the board about what it takes to run a data center and what they need to run the data center.
    - i. Michigan is highly targeted because of the weather we have and the water.
    - ii. The wattage they use is large.

- iii. The water they use is equivalent to that of a small city. They use the water to cool their systems.
- iv. There is always a humming sound from the computes that neighbors may hear.
- v. They use lots of power. Which could cause an increase in electric bills.
- vi. They need fiber optic lines and need to be near powerlines (big power lines not our normal power lines).
- vii. Ryan stated that the possibility of any company approaching our township about a data center is low but not non-existent. If this were to happen to let Cliff handle it.

9. Review: No meeting in March 2026.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Visitors in the audience: Ken Smalligan

12. Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Berens