

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

JANUARY 14TH 2026 MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order: Pledge
2. Roll Call:
 - ✓ Present: Mark Kukal, Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Al Smalligan, Butch Deur, Don Clark
 - ✓ Absent: Jim VanBoven
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st by Don Clark and 2nd by Doug Berens
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1st by Al Smalligan and 2nd by Wayne Berens
5. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
6. Communications:
 - ✓ Chairman's comments: WELCOME BOARD MEMBERS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - i. Butch let the board know that he has made the decision to step down. This meeting will be Butch's last meeting.
 - ii. 2026 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
 1. Chair – Don Clark – 1st by Mark Kukal and 2nd by Al Smalligan – all in favor
 2. Vice Chair – Mark Kukal – 1st by Al Smalligan and 2nd by Wayne Berens – all in favor
 3. Secretary – Wayne Berens – 1st by Al Smalligan and 2nd by Don Clark – all in favor
 4. Minutes recorder – Chris Berens
- ✓ SETTING MEETING DATES:
 - i. Meetings will stay on 2nd Wednesday of month. No meeting in March due to conflict with Board of Review
7. Existing Business: None
8. New Business: REVIEW MASTER PLAN
 - ✓ The board members reviewed the Master Plan prior to meeting and discussed that they did not see any changes that needed to be made for the next five years.
 - ✓ Ryan discussed with the board that if they are not going to make any changes, they can use a "Rubber Stamp", meaning they are making no changes. This vote would need to be on the agenda and the voted stated in the minutes.
 - ✓ The decision of the Master Plan will be on the agenda for the February 11, 2026 meeting.
 - ✓ The next census will take place in 2030. The board will update and review the master plan in 2031.
 - ✓ EMERGENCY HAZARDOUS WASTE COST RECOVERY ORDERIENCE was brought up.

i. Ryan stated that it is a good idea to adopt this. Ryan stated this would make it a smoother process and save the tax payers money in case of an accident in our township and who would be responsible for paying for the clean-up.

1. The Township Board would have to adopt this. This board will be discussing this and making their decision at their February 2, 2026 meeting.

9. Review: The board thanked Butch for all of his years with this board.

10. Public Comment: None

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

12. Adjournment: 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Berens