

# SHERMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2025

**Revised June 11, 2025**

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 pm. Pledge
2. Roll Call:  
Present: Doug Berens, Wayne Berens, Jim VanBoven, Don Clark, Al Smalligan, Butch Deur, Mark Kukal
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st by Doug Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Kukal
4. Approval of April Meeting Minutes: 1st by Al Smalligan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Clark P  
With the change of #8 adding: Approval of **February** Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of April Public Meeting Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> by Doug Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Berens
6. Public Comments (3 minutes): None
7. Communications:  
Chairman's Comments: Great job on last month's business
  - ✓ The Township Board adopted new changes regarding last month's proposal to change Accessory Structures to a minimum floor area from **720 square feet to 400 square feet (revised)**
8. Existing Business: Information from Ryan regarding Special Events Ordinance  
Ryan presented a copy of Peninsula Township's Special Events Ordinance as an example.
  - Discussed options for what could be in the ordinance.
    - ✓ There would not be a permit issued.
    - ✓ This is a standalone ordinance.
    - ✓ There would be a set of standards if you want to hold an event.
    - ✓ Do we need to get law enforcement involved?
      - The event holder could give law enforcement heads up prior to the event, (Abby Watkins)
    - ✓ Sanitary facilities
    - ✓ Parking
    - ✓ Public notification
    - ✓ The event would be on private property.
    - ✓ Sight plan would be required.

The board was asked to read over the example ordinance, mark it up, add and delete what is liked and not liked. Bring to the June's meeting (June 11), for discussion.

9. New Business: Zoning Administrator, Chad Kukal, talked about a question asked of him from the owner of the old cement building in Wooster. They would like to tear down the building and possibly put up a duplex.

This property is zoned rural residential.

The township does not allow duplexes.

If the township wanted to allow this the ordinance would have to be amended.

The property owner could possibly build a house on the property.

10. Review: None

11. Public Comment: None

12. Adjournment: 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Chris Berens