

Webber Township Planning Commission
Joint Planning minutes of 1/04/2024

Andrew calls the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Andrew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Andrew Harter present, Jacqueline Jacobs present, Nikki Hughes present, Kelly McCune present, Ira Coffman present and Quantina Forest present.

Approval of the agenda: Andrew made a motion to approve the agenda with two additions supported by Kelly. All in favor, motion carries. The additions were opening remarks and standards of participation

Andrew read his opening remarks of strengths and weaknesses of the Planning Commission since being Chair. Some strengths were the minutes and running the meeting as well as a reduction of public interruptions. Some weaknesses were a long wait time with Williams and Works working on ordinances, members arrival time being late as well as doing homework. He read the standards of participation.

Discussion: Discussion occurred about the master plan. The Planning Commission informed the board that it was completed and was waiting for Mr. Moore to finalize it. Discussion was also had regarding housing and homelessness being in the master plan. It was decided to relook at that section. A pause in the meeting occurred due to a person in the public interrupting and speaking out of turn. Andrew stated that he could revise it if needed. It was also mentioned that maybe a township survey should be done regarding housing options. Conversations also occurred regarding different types of housing needs and types that have been addressed as well as needing the primary use for vacant land that's not been completed yet. Discussion was had about zoning amendments. The list created in the prior year was not yet completed. Other discussion was had regarding the zoning amendments that have been done in the last year. It was suggested to keep looking at the current ordinances that need adjustments. A question was asked if making changes in the ordinances required a certain number of people affected to even have it addressed. The other topic discussed was the RV ordinance. The Planning Commission and the board decided that it would be a good time to revisit the current ordinance and make any necessary changes. The board members and the Zoning Administrator will be giving the Planning Commission their recommendations. Some suggestions during the meeting were to allow an 8x10 shed in the restricted area and edit the accessory structure's part.

Discussion occurred about communication regarding the board and the Planning Commission. It was decided that is no longer an issue since the proper procedures are now being followed more consistently. Discussion also occurred about a replacement of Williams and Works if they are too busy to complete projects for us. Another concern brought up was regarding postings in the newspaper. A board member suggested we do our own and not send them to the attorneys unless it's needed.

Other business: None

Public Comment: A member of the public was happy that we were seeing Williams & Works taking a few minutes as he was doing the same in the past. It was noted the secretary in the past didn't add the sheds in the restricted area in the documents sent to the board. Carol Hill asked about Board of Review minutes for the last 5 years while raising her voice at the Chair. She then stated about not allowing a shed on vacant land and could prove it. A member of the public stated that the Planning Commission works for the people of the township. He continued to state that he couldn't hear since members weren't speaking in the mics during the meeting. A member of the public stated people is living in a shed while putting up a tent. A member of the public wanted to know where to go to get answers to questions. A member of the public stated he was proud of members for taking the public's abuse. A member of the public stated that the bins should have been communicated with everyone. The chair stated that this is the third time Carol Hill has disrupted the meeting.

Adjournment: Andrew made a motion to adjourn while Nikki supported. All in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Jacobs