

Webber Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025

Call to Order: Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacobs.

Roll Call: Present; J. Jacobs, K. Newell, K. Rose, V. Hammer, K. Otto and R. Riley.

Approval of Agenda: Jacobs asked to add Doug Eby to unfinished business. Motion by K. Rose, second by K. Otto to accept the agenda with addition. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by K. Rose to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Aug. 4, 2025, second by Jacobs. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Motion by K. Otto to accept the minutes of Sept. 8, 2025, second by Hammer. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Riley corrected #7 on the agenda which shows Oct. 6, 2025, as the public hearing date when it should read Sept 23, 2025, as the Public Hearing. Motion by Jacobs to accept Sept 23, 2025, public hearing minutes with corrections, corrections being #2 is taken out of the items to check with Andy Moore, Tony stating he didn't want to get a variance and Riley asking the Board if she should recuse herself, second by K. Otto. 5 yes – 1 no, motion carried.

K. Newell spoke about going back to approve the "corrected" agenda again showing Sept 23, 2025, as the public hearing date and not October 6.

Jacobs asked for a motion to accept the agenda again as corrected. Motion by Hammer to accept again the agenda with corrections showing Sept 23, 2025, as the public hearing, second by K. Otto.

6 yes – 0 no, motion carried. (Note: the original motion to accept the agenda was not rescinded before the second (corrected) motion on the agenda was made).

K. Otto asked Jacobs if she was going to record the meetings to please inform the board as a courtesy.

Consent Agenda: Jacobs gave each member a copy of the housing issue survey done in 2024.

K. Otto handed out a newsletter on Short-Term rentals by Atty Clifford Bloom.

Jacobs handed out an email from Andy Moore of Williams & Works.

Zoning Administrator report: None

Unfinished Business: The error list that K. Otto provided on the Master Plan will be submitted back to Andy Moore of Williams & Works for correction. K. Newell asking why Jacobs is asking for a vote when errors have not been corrected yet? Jacobs said that it was just clerical errors, minor ones which still can be voted on to pass it to the Twp Board. Motion by Jacobs to send the Master Plan to the Twp Board with corrections, second by Hammer. Otto – yes, Hammer – yes, Newell – no, Jacobs – yes, Riley abstain, and Rose abstain, motion carried.

Short-Term Rentals: Doug Eby spoke about these types of rentals on the lakes, stating the lake areas get two (2) to three (3) families a week in these rentals having parties, drinking till late into the night. Folks come up to the woods here and don't care about the residents. Asking the board to carefully look at this and consider the property owners that live on the lake year-round.

Eby suggesting the planning board to look at this topic very carefully and consider not allowing in high density areas, maybe allow where there is acreage available.

K. Rose stating that owners of the STR live far away and there's usually no one to call or complain to.

K. Otto states that there are safety issues to consider like when fireworks are being shot off into the trees around the lakes.

J. Bueter stated the same thing is happening at campgrounds. Need to have some type of manager/or owner nearby to control it.

Public Comment: Jacobs states that Putnam Lake Campground has been rezoned and the prior restrictions are now null & void. It was rezoned by the old planning board with no restrictions.

Ben Hill asked when it was done. Jacobs replied in 2023 with no restrictions.

Ben asked for a copy of the rezoned papers, Jacobs told him to go see the Clerk. Jacobs stating that the papers on the campground have been found and all restrictions were erased.

Doug Eby said that the Putnam campground was bought three times over.

J. Bueter handed out two (2) township maps to the members, one of 2013 and one showing 2015 and asked the board to look at the east side of M-37 of map 2013 showing a strip of commercial and the same area on the 2015 map shows the commercial going way back at 1300 ft. This property has been for sale for four (4) years with no takers. Bueter spoke to the twp. tax assessor and said each section of 1300 ft was zoned commercial because there was no assess to the back portion.

Bueter is proposing to put in an access road in the back after splitting each section with 5 acres in front along M-37 as commercial and the back 5 acres as residential for homes.

Jacobs directed Bueter to go to ZA office about rezoning the back section because there is not enough documentation before the board to make any changes.

Deputy Clerk Hughes asking about the public hearing and said Riley would recuse herself.

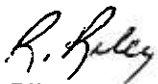
Riley said she asked the board if she should recuse herself and the board did not reply to her, but there was no vote on the master plan and had told Tony to go see the zoning administrator.

Tony started to speak and was interrupted by Deputy Clerk Hughes and Tony asked her to give him his time because it was public comment time.

Jacobs asked Tony if he pulled any permits for the driveway? Tony replied, "Not that I'm aware of."

Jacobs motioned to adjourn at 7:07 pm, second by Hammer. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Riley
Secretary