

WEBBER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2026

Call to Order: Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacobs.

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jacobs to move the “election of officers” to #5, before the approval of minutes, seconded by Rose. 7 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs to approve the agenda as corrected, seconded by Rose. 7 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Election of Officers: Secretary Riley asked for a nomination for Chairperson. V. Hammer nominated Jacobs for Chairperson, seconded by Otto. 5 yes – 1 no – 1 abstain, motion carried.

V. Hammer nominated Riley for secretary, second by Rose. Riley declined the nomination.

Riley nominated V. Hammer for secretary, Hammer declined.

Riley nominated Otto for secretary, Otto declined.

Riley nominated Tenbrink for secretary, Tenbrink declined. There was no other nomination for Secretary.

Riley asked Jacobs if she wanted her to continue taking minutes of the meeting and Jacobs said yes.

Jacobs nominated V. Hammer for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Otto. 6 yes – 0 no – 1 abstain, motion carried.

Discussion followed on how Hammer can decline a nomination for secretary but accept the Vice-Chair nomination? Hammer replied that at this time she is dealing with health issues and unable to accept the secretary’s position. Jacobs asked for a nomination for deputy secretary, no nomination followed.

Approval of minutes: Hammer asked why the discussion of nine thousand (9000) sq ft is needed for campers not in the minutes? Riley said the corrections will be in these minutes. Discussion from Hammer as to why the ZA allowed and gave a camping permit on a lot smaller than required by the ordinance book. Jacobs clarified that a property owner with one lot (30x100) asked for a camping permit and ZA Jacobs (in early 2025) declined her application because she did not have enough square footage according to the ordinance as written. She hired an attorney, who then spoke with the Township attorney, and the Township Attorney went against Webber ordinance and told ZA Jacobs to give her a camping permit anyway. Hammer asking, then why do we have it written in the ordinance but not followed even by our own Township attorney? Rose spoke up stating the reason for the minimum sq ft on a lot was so that it becomes buildable later if the owner chooses to build a home on it. Rose also stated, why do we have an ordinance book and why does the Township need an attorney if he’s not going to back up the ordinance book as written.

Motion by Newell to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Rose. 7 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Zoning Adm Report: Report was given to members to read.

Unfinished Business: Reschedule Site Plan review for Great Finds Discounts which was cancelled due to weather. Members agreed to reschedule for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6 pm. Jacobs will notify property owner of new meeting date.

Public Comment: Tony stating while the ordinance states that there shall be a minimum of 9000 sq ft required for a camper and the township attorney doesn't want to back up the ordinance, doesn't mean to break the ordinance. It's still not ok to allow in the future just because the attorney doesn't want to fight it in court.

Michelle asking about the ZA report #5, "what type of clean-up is ZA referring to"? Jacobs said probably a junked-up yard and can't get cleaned up until spring because of the weather. Michelle asking if there will be exceptions for everyone?

Jacobs stating that the Zoning Administrator office is now for complaints only.

K Otto spoke with MTA with questions about our camping ordinance. Kathy would like to share the questions & answers from MTA. Riley said she would make copies for the members.

Much discussion by members on how to handle the camping ordinance for next week's meeting. Newell stating that camping was not handled correctly. Rose stating that we do not go by section 3.25 in the ordinance. Jacobs agreed that section 3.25 is now null & void.

K. Otto motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm, seconded by Jacobs. 7 yes – 0 no, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Riley
Secretary