Webber Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing minutes of May 08, 2026

Jacqueline called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Jacqueline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Virginia Hammer present, Kevin Newwell present, Ruth Riley absent, Kathy Rose absent, Jacquline Jacobs present.

Jacquline made a motion supported by Kevin to approve the agenda. All in favor,motion carries. 3 yes, 2 absent.

Kevin made a motion supported by Jacqueline to open the public hearing. All in favor, motion carries, 3 yes, 2 absent. The time is 6:03 PM.

Jacqueline read the proposed changes from the joint meeting to the public.

A resident suggested allowing 2 or more campers for 7-10 days in all districts two or three times per year with a temporary camping permit to allow families to visit that would increase revenue. Another resident agreed that he needed the same for family.

A resident thanked us for the nice changes.

Kevin explained the differences between accessory structures and accessory building.

A resident asked about a carport and what that would fall under. Kevin believed it would fall under accessory structure.

A resident asked why they could not have a shed. Kevin stated we're allowing that. Jacqueline asked if she got a copy of the proposed changes. It was then stated she missed that section.

A resident asked how much the fee was. Jacqueline stated $25. He responded he shouldn't have to pay to use his land that has higher taxes not being a primary resident. He continued to say that he also couldn't get a trash can. Jacqueline stated he can get a trash can and he could go to the treasurer's office for help.

A resident questioned how to get an address. Jacqueline explained to go to the Equalization office at the courthouse. He stated he lives too far away, Jacqueline suggested they might email him one. Jacqueline stated this year an address is mandated. Discussion occurred about the green address signs and cost. Another resident stated it was just about doing paperwork. Webber Township treasurer, Pat, stated that anyone needing a trash can to see her after the meeting.

A resident online asked what is happening with the Restricted area . Jacqueline stated the restricted area has been eliminated, She explained years ago the area was created and the rule was no new campers. The campers that were there were allowed to stay but then were forced to build after a sale. Another resident stated it makes the property more valuable now. Kevin stated anything with the restricted area is gone.

A resident questioned that she was being charged per property for the trash bill while receiving one can and wondering if it was still the same. Jacqueline stated she believes that it is still the same but to talk to Pat after the meeting.

A resident with 10 acres stated he shouldn't have to pay a permit fee to use his property. Jacqueline explained that it helps cover the labor cost of the ZA office to do the paperwork and the inspections on the property. Jacquline explained that the fees were not coming from the Planning Commission and the board determines the fees. Multiple people felt paying higher taxes was enough. Another resident stated his understanding of the fee was so they can inspect it and be compliant while having the township and county know you're there. Jacqueline agreed.

A resident asked if we had a neighborhood watch due to theft on the property. Jacqueline stated she understands but not that she's heard. Several members of the public stated they've had issues with things being stolen.

A resident asked about the timeframe of getting permits for visitors. Jacqueline explained we don't have a visitors permit and the district you're in would be the maximum you could have right now. Another resident questioned about adding it to the ordinance. Jacqueline stated that it will be in the minutes and the information gathered from this meeting will be forwarded to the township board.

A resident questioned if the green signs that were reflective were required for trash. Pat stated Republic needs an address even if its on a cardboard for delivery of the cart. Kevin stated another reason for an address is EMS or fire so they'll be able to find you. It was also questioned on where to purchase the green signs, many said at the courthouse while one mentioned Amazon.

A resident online asked how many campers for 4.98 acres in Recreational district. Jacqueline responded 4 in that district with any size accessory structure.

A resident questioned where the R1 and R2 are located. Pat explained the board is looking to change things in the Zoning Book making it less restrictive. One change was suggested to have one residential area. The Zoning changes would affect camping. Further discussion occurred between Pat and some residents.

A resident explained a situation where she was mailed back a check with a letter stating she doesn't match the criteria and felt that she should be grandfathered in. She stated she had talked to Chris. She was concerned about not receiving information in the mail. Jacquline stated that must have been in the Restricted area. Jacquline stated a delay has happened with applications being mailed but Joan, the new ZA, will assist in getting permits.

A resident questioned about meeting set backs in the Recreational area for any size building. Kevin stated that yes setbacks would need to be met and stated no size restrictions in the Recreational area.

A resident online asked about her suggestions for removing the districts. Jacqueline spoke about erasing the districts and going by the amount of land to determine the number of campers and structures allowed.

A resident asked what the fine was for not having a camping permit. Jacqueline stated that it was a zoning question but thought a warning or a letter was given first.

A resident asked how often we meet. Jacqueline said the Planning Commission meets the first Monday once a month and the township board meets the 2nd Thursday both at 6:00. She explained this was a public hearing but at meetings the commission would conduct business before a public comment.

A resident asked if the township ever sprays for the gypsy moths. Jacqueline stated I haven’t heard of them doing it. Pat stated no we don’t spray.

A resident stated that he has 10 acres but can’t see allowing 4 campers there in the Recreational district.

A resident online asked if a shed in the Restricted area is allowed. Jacqueline stated we have no restricted area and a shed is allowed up to 200 sq feet unless an acre or more is owned.

Jacqueline made a motion supported by Kevin to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion carries.
3 yes, 2 absent. The time is 6:30 PM.

Jacqueline discussed the idea of not doing districts and using the camping changes to determine the number of campers and structures a resident could have by land size. Kevin wasn't sure about the idea.

Jacqueline made a motion supported by Virginia to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carries. 3 yes, 2 absent. The time is 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Jacobs