

**Webber Township Planning Commission
Planning and Township Joint Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026
(Revised)**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Munson.

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

Also, present; ZA Joan Cameron and Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, Al Rose.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Williams to accept the agenda, seconded by McCune. 9 Yes – 0 No, motion carried.

Purpose of this joint meeting is for planning and township to go over the current camping ordinance and to make changes or create a new ordinance for camping in Webber.

ZA Cameron spoke on the “restricted” area for campers, stating she hears from realtors asking if camping is allowed on one and/or two lots.

Deb Hanes, stating we have talked a lot about the restricted area, on loosening it up? People will take care of their place which will increase the value of their property. I’m not saying that it should be a free for all, but we have tightened our blight ordinance to take care of that, let’s do what we can to bring people here. K. Rose stating that’s why planning included allowing sheds in the restricted area along with other changes.

Much discussion continued with the “restricted” area. Pat Williams stated that people who want to buy in Webber Township really need to do their homework on what they are buying.

Deb asked Jackie to read the list of bullet points that planning came up.

#1 - A minimum of nine thousand sq ft shall be required for one camper and no more “restricted” area in Webber.

#2 - Mandated to have a postal address for this property with address sign visible from road.

#3 - Allow one shed, up to two hundred sq ft. for 9000 sq ft of camping.

#4 - R1 & R2 with an acre of land - two campers are allowed with any size accessory building.

#5 - For camping, all accessory uses are allowed.

#6 - Discussed that a compost toilet must be inspected by District Health #10 dept.

#7 - Tents are allowed with a camping permit. Tents shall not to be used for long term living quarters.

#8 - Camping season starts May 1st till the last day of April of the following year. Permits are issued on a yearly basis with permits visible from the road.

#9 - No more than four campers are allowed in either recreational or agricultural with one acre or more of land.

#10 - Accessory building of any size, in recreational and agricultural with an acre of land or more will be allowed.

Deb Hanes stated this revised camping ordinance will be a Police Power ordinance according to Ryan Coffey, Twp attorney, Seth and Andy Moore of Williams & Works.

Discussion on camping in the resort district, both Pat Williams & Deb Hanes said to open everything up except for R1 & R2.

Planning agreed to hold a public hearing on Friday May 8, 2026, at 5 pm on camping on this revised list.

Al Rose asked the twp. board, what constitutes a junk trailer? Shaun replied that it will be listed in the new blight ordinance.

Pat Williams spoke on the new “streamlined” ordinance that Williams and Works came up with and it will only consist of five districts which are recreational, R1, R2, commercial and light industrial. There will be a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6 pm to discuss the changes.

Public Comment: Someone asked what the total number of campers who live in Webber full time year-round? No one from the board could answer this question.

Someone asked about the property on 44th & Guthrie, many complaints have been made about that corner for blight, with nothing ever being done. Pat Williams said that the new blight ordinance will take effect soon and will be enforced. ZA Cameron said she will investigate it.

Someone complained on a pole building on Merriville with five campers and sheds. Pat asked why they can't live there? Al Rose stated the County Building dept is looking into that property because all the windows have been boarded up and people are living in the building.

Gentleman from Putnam Lake said he has seven lots in front and six lots in back with three campers and my daughter lives in one camper and if she can't live there then I'm moving. Shaun said to the gentleman that you have a total of thirteen lots so you're good.

Motion by Riley to adjourn at 7:50 pm, seconded by Jacobs. 9 Yes – 0 No, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Riley,
Secretary