

Webber Township Planning Commission
Minutes for June 30 2021

Pie calls the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll call: Pie Medina present, Dan Cousar present, Ben Hill present, Jacqueline Jacobs present, Sandy Clarke present, Nikki Cross present and John Hindy present.

Approval of the agenda: No additions. Sandy motions to approve the agenda and Dan seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Approval of the minutes: Pie read the minutes. Nikki made a motion to approve the minutes with no corrections while Sandy seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

An error was made in posting the correct information in the newspaper regarding Fischer's self storage. July 19 at 6 pm will be the date for the site plan review, special land use and public hearing. The county planning commission approved the addition of self storage to the ordinance.

Bill B addressed the Planning Commission with concerns over his property being rezoned as well as not having enough land to complete his plans. He would like to get things in place so a 50 X 100 building could be added before winter to grow medical marijuana. Bill and Mike O thought he had 2 acres but the recent survey is that it's 1.75. He's looking at a possibility of buying more land from his neighbors but felt it was unlikely to happen. The State of MI requires its property to be in Agricultural or Industrial. His property surrounds Agriculture. The Planning Commission felt he would need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Non-farm residential would need 2 acres but questions arose if growing medical marijuana was farming. Pie stated more research will be needed to address this properly.

Committee Reports: Mike stated he has received multiple questions in regards to Micro businesses. He wondered why it wasn't allowed in the Commercial District. He had concerns that this could be losing new businesses. It appears by discussion this might have been an oversight.

New Business: We welcomed John Hindy as this is his first planning meeting

Election of Secretary: Nikki made the motion for Jacqueline to be secretary. Dan seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

Old business: The Planning Commission discussed 3 issues regarding the new RV ordinance. Those include addition of the word new replacing the no recreational vehicles in the restricted zone, adding a 8x10 shed in the restricted area and fencing for vacant land. Jacqueline suggested the restricted camping area be reworded to suit the intentions and expressed concerns about adding sheds in the area. Nikki stated the restricted area should have been

done with acres, not lots. Several planning members felt that the township board took over the camping ordinance.

Dan made the motion to add that no new recreational vehicles will be permitted within the restricted camping zone. Pie seconds.

Roll call vote: Sandy-yes Nikky-yes Jacqueline-no Pie-yes
Dan-yes Ben-yes John-yes.

Sandy made the motion to add an 8x10 shed to be allowed in the restricted area. Pie seconds.

Roll call vote: Sandy-yes Nikki-no Jacqueline-no Pie-yes
Dan-yes Ben -yes John-yes

It was questioned whether fences were an accessory structure as well as if they were allowed on vacant land. Mike couldn't find in the zoning book that it was a accessory. structure although he has been enforcing it as such. The fencing ordinance in the book will be followed separately from the camping ordinance now.

Public Comment: It was stated that questions come to the Planning Board to address concerns with the ordinance that are preventing new businesses from coming in.

It was also stated that it's important to have growth for the township in adding interested businesses before they look elsewhere.

Sandy makes the motion to adjourn. Nikki seconds. All in favor , motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted Jacqueline Jacobs