Webber Township Planning Commission Public Hearing / Planning Minutes for August 2 2021

Pie calls the minute to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Approval of the agenda: No additions. Dan makes a motion to approve the agenda and Jacqueline seconds. All present in favor, motion carries.

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

Dan made a motion to start the public hearing. Jacqueline seconds.

Roll call vote: Sandy-yes Nikki-yes Jacqueline-yes Pie-yes

Dan-yes Ben-yes John-absent

The public hearing started at 6:06 pm.

Ernie Wogatzke addressed the Planning Commision asking why 9 lots in the restricted area wasn't added as Pat Williams requested. It was stated in 2019 the 9 lots in the restricted area came up. In 2020, the Planning Commision implemented several suggestions but due to Covid and online meetings some other suggestions weren't added. Members stated it was difficult to keep track with no paperwork in hand while others felt the replacement of members caused some difficulty. The Planning Commission dealt with the three topics given to us when the moratorium was put in place. Further discussion continued on how the timeline of the ordinance came to be as well the amendments to it. Ernie stated the restricted area was based on areas with water and sewer hook ups and wanted the map with straight lines. Another topic discussed was no new campers vs no camping in the restricted areas. Ernie mentioned that the Village doesn't allow campers and you're able to see the difference on the borderline between Webber and the Village. Several Planning members felt that the ordinance needed to be amended in order to address some continued issues. Other concerns members had was that existing campers wouldn't be allowed if 9 lots was approved by the Board. During virtual meetings in 2020 part time residents were reassured that they would be safe and would still be able to use their camper. The Planning Board suggested to amend the first paragraph to add no new camping in the restricted area with the exception of allowing others if they meet the guidelines. Protection of some sort would be given to campers who regularly got permits. The other suggestion was to send Jacqueline and Nikkis letter of recommendations to the board regarding amendments to the camping ordinance.

Pie motions to accept no new campers as a commission, Ben seconds.

Roll call vote: Sandy-yes Nikki-yes Jacqueline-yes Pie-yes

Dan- abstain Ben-yes John-absent

Dan made a motion to close the public hearing, Ben seconds.

Roll call vote: Sandy-yes Nikki-yes Jacqueline-yes Pie-yes

Dan-yes Ben-yes John-absent

Committee reports: None

New business: None

Old business: Ernie read his suggested updates that need to go into the Zoning book. Pie will address the list for sub committees to work on at the next meeting.

Public comment: Starting to plan events for September 25 - Oct 2 regarding the 150th year of Lake County being Lake County. Looking for suggestions from the township for some ideas to celebrate the event.

Ben made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sandy seconds. All present in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted Jacqueline Jacobs