

A special meeting of the Middlebury Township Planning Commission met on October 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middlebury Township hall at 7627 W. M-21 Ovid, MI.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sovis. Other board members present were: Mike Stevens, Steve Semans, Rich Givens, Dennis Smalec and Audrey Sovis. Supervisor Anthony Sinicropi and Shelly Whitehead were visitors.

A motion was made by Semans, seconded by D. Sovis to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2005 meeting. All ayes, no nays, carried.

A motion was made by Givens, seconded by D. Sovis to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, carried.

Public Comments: Mrs. Whitehead had questions regarding the Rails to Trails proposal. It was suggested that she bring these concerns to the public hearing on October 11th in order to have these questions better answered.

New Business: Givens reported on attending an MTA seminar and receiving a model of an ordinance, to be used in tandem with legal counsel, that could be used with the new "contractual zoning" law. The Shiawassee County zoning administrator sent a proposed text amendment of the Shiawassee County zoning Ordinance (Sect 19.4.A. of the 1999 Shia. Co. zoning Ordinance). After Givens read aloud from the MTA's model ordinance as the board members followed on Shiawassee's proposed text amendment, it was found that both copies were nearly identical; except that reference numbers differed, due to one copy being written for township level government, and the other was for the county level. A motion was made by Semans, seconded by Stevens to approve the County's proposed text amendment as written. All ayes, no nays, carried. A recommendation will be sent to the township boards.

There was discussion on the first steps needed to be taken in order to revise the master plan for Middlebury Township. The next meeting will be held November 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ovid Municipal Building.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Smalec, seconded by Givens to adjourn. All ayes, no nays, carried.

Audrey Sovis, Clerk