

January 5, 2006 at the Ovid Municipal Building a regular meeting of the Middlebury Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman David Sovis. The pledge to the flag was said followed by roll call. Members present included: Sovis, Rich Givens, Steve Semans, Dennis Smalec, Mike Stevens and Clerk Audrey Sovis. Lary Richards was absent. There were no visitors.

**General Business:** A motion was made by Semans, seconded by Givens to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2005 planning meeting. All ayes, no nays, carried. A motion was made by A. Sovis, seconded by D. Sovis to approve the agenda as amended *with the addition* of an update of the County Zoning Ordinance and the election of officers. All ayes, no nays, carried.

There were no public comments.

**New Business:** Correspondence was read from Sciota Township regarding proposed updates to their Land Use Plan. The Middlebury Township Bylaws were gone over by the board and proposed amendments were noted. A motion was made by Smalec, seconded by Semans to have the Clerk type up the planning bylaws with the proposed text amendments to present to the Commission at the next board. All ayes, no nays, carried. Sovis will check to see if the Township Board must review these changes.

Discussion was held on updating Middlebury's Land Use Plan. A motion was made by Givens, seconded by D. Sovis to send a letter to neighboring townships stating that we are in the process of updating our Land Use Plan (as required under section 125.104b of Act 282 of 1945 for the extension, addition, revision, or other amendments to the Land Use Plan).

Givens gave a brief update on the January 3, 2006 MTA meeting, where discussion of the proposed "Text Amendment" to the Shiawassee County Zoning Ordinance regarding Conditional Rezoning of Land took place. He stated that a letter from Community Development will be arriving soon regarding this issue.

**Election of Officers:**

A motion was made by Givens, seconded by D. Sovis, to nominate Dennis Smalec Chairman. All aye, no nays, carried.

A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Smalec to nominate Mike Stevens as Vice-Chairperson. All ayes, no nays, carried.

A motion was made by Smalec, seconded by Givens to nominate A. Sovis as secretary. All ayes, no nays, carried.

Steve Semans has declined to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission for another term. There was discussion on taking the board from a seven-person commission to a five-person, as another member has made only one meeting in the last two years. The Clerk will bring this up at the next regular board meeting January 12, 2006.

At 9:10 p.m. a motion was made by D. Sovis, seconded by Smalec to adjourn. All ayes, no nays, carried.