

The Middlebury Township Planning Commission met for a regular meeting on October 3, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middlebury Township Hall located at 7627 W. M-21 Ovid. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Smalec with the pledge to the flag. Board members present were: Rich Givens, Glen Nethaway, David Sovis and Audrey Sovis. Gene Ruess and Mike Stevens were absent.

General Business: A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Nethaway to approve the planning minutes from the August and September meetings; all ayes, no nays, carried. A motion was made by Smalec, seconded by Givens to approve the agenda as presented; all ayes, no nays, carried.

There were no scheduled comments or public comments.

Unfinished Business: There was much discussion about the proposed text amendments to the Shiawassee County Zoning Ordinance regarding Private Road Development. The overall consensus is that these proposed amendments serve only to benefit developers, home builders and real estate agents; and not the residents of Middlebury Township or anyone who has intentions of purchasing a home here. This board's desire is to do what is in the best financial interest of the present and future residents. A motion was made by Givens, seconded by D. Sovis to send a letter to the township board and Gary Palmer expressing this board's opposition to changing the ordinance; all ayes, no nays, carried. A letter will be written giving specific details and reasons for the board's position on this issue.

A review was done on the Jeffery Potter case that went before the Zoning Board of Appeals several weeks ago. No further action was taken as there is nothing this board can do now.

Results were read from the Planning Surveys that were sent out in the Meridian Weekly September 17. Twenty five forms were returned. Givens took them home to read over. No decisions or actions were made.

New Business: Some discussion took place that there will be two planning members whose term will expire at the end of this year. At this time, it is uncertain if these two members want to be re-appointed or not. A. Sovis suggested Gary Kiger as a possible candidate, if an opening occurs. Mr. Kiger has shown an interest in the community by routinely attending the regular board meetings. Givens suggested that we ask him if he has any interest in serving on the Township Planning Commission.

At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by D. Sovis, seconded by Smalec that we adjourn; all ayes, no nays, carried.