

A regular meeting of the Middlebury Township Planning Commission (PC) was held September 7, 2006 at the Middlebury Township hall at 7627 W. M-21 Ovid, Michigan. The meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag by Chairman Dennis Smalec. Board members present included: Rich Givens, Glen Nethaway, Gene Ruess and Audrey Sovis. Those absent were David Sovis and Mike Stevens.

Approval of the August minutes was postponed as they were inadvertently left out of the meeting packets. A motion was made by A. Sovis, seconded by Givens to approve the agenda with the addition of one land division request; all ayes, no nays, carried.

Board members shared what they had learned at two different seminars attended in August. One covered the new Michigan Enabling Act and the other was co-sponsored by Farm Bureau and MTA and touched on a number of different aspects of township planning and land preservation.

A letter from the Shiawassee County Zoning Board of Appeals stated that they denied the appeal of application requested by Jeffery Potter that his automobile repair facility be considered a legally established nonconforming use pursuant to the Shiawassee County Zoning Ordinance.

There were no public comments.

A copy of the Planning Survey and the Letter to the Editor that will be used for updating the Land Use Plan was presented to the PC. A. Sovis reported that the survey can be inserted into approximately 600 Meridian Weekly Newspapers on colored paper at an estimated cost of \$85.00. A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Ruess to spend \$85.00 to have the survey conducted in this manner. These surveys will go primarily to Middlebury Township residents in the September 17th paper and will also be available online at the township's website. A drop box will be available at the Ovid Village Hall for those who prefer not to pay postage.

A draft copy of the proposed text amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance regarding Private Roads was reviewed. The PC will look it over and bring any recommendations to the October meeting.

A land split was approved by all required entities including the PC and signed by A. Sovis (clerk) for Mary Oviatt on Carland road between M-21 and Mason road.

At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Givens, seconded by Nethaway to adjourn; all ayes, no nays, carried.