

At the January 6, 2005 Middlebury Township Planning meeting, held at the Ovid Municipal Building, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chairman David Sovis. Also present were planning members Dennis Smalec, Mike Stevens and Rich Givens. Clerk Audrey Sovis was present to take minutes. Absent were Lary Richards and Steve Semans. There were two visitors.

The commission was brought up to date on the Burton Corners building project. D. Sovis and supervisor Anthony Sinicropi attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at the county January 5. Three variances were asked for: to keep the propane tank about ground; move the Baldwin road driveway further south away from M-21 in order to avoid traffic lights shining into windows of home across the road; and a fence instead of shrubbery and berm to block sight of traffic, lights and noise. A motion was made by Smalec, seconded by Givens to approve the three variances requested by the owners of Burton Corners. Roll call: Smalec aye, Givens aye, Stevens aye, Sovis aye. No nays, carried.

Brad Warfle spoke regarding a land split of Glen Nethaway property. Sinicropi signed the county approved land split, as well as another for Peggy Gulick. He noted that Linda Cordier at County Zoning suggested that at the next regular board meeting a resolution be passed to give him the authority to sign off on these in the future. Due to shortness of time, he signed in the presence of the planning commission.

Sinicropi reported that Gary Palmer from the County Zoning office was of the opinion that having the Owosso Speedway re-zoned to B-2 may not be a bad thing in the regard to future use of the property. B-3 would not be a desirable choice, however. No decisions made. Palmer will attend next board meeting to expand on his thoughts.

The annexation request made by Avery Squires was discussed. Sinicropi reported that he gave Attorney Mark Cooley authority to write a letter to the Village of Ovid expressing Middlebury's disapproval of the annexation.

D. Sovis requested that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the planning board is unanimously against the Squires' annexation request with the Village of Ovid; however, any and all future annexation requests should be heard and considered on an individual basis.

D. Sovis requested that the planning board meet coinciding with the regular township board meeting January 13 in regards to the re-zoning of the racetrack.

Smalec made a motion to meet every other month on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with the next meeting to take place in March. Givens seconded. Roll call: Stevens, D. Sovis, Smalec and Givens all aye, no nays, carried.

At 8:50 p.m. Givens made the motion to adjourn. Smalec seconded. All ayes, carried.

Audrey Sovis, Clerk