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The regular meeting of the Middlebury Township Planning Commission met on September 1, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall at 7627 W. M-21, Ovid.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sovis. Also present were: Mike Stevens, Rich Givens and Audrey Sovis. Absent were: Lary Richard, Steve Semans and Dennis Smalec. Mrs. Shelley Whitehead was present as a visitor.

A motion was made by D. Sovis and seconded by Givens to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2005 meeting. All ayes, no nays, carried.

A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Stevens to approve the agenda. All ayes, no nays, carried.

There were no public comments.

Givens reported on the County's public hearing regarding the proposed private road development "text" amendment to the Shiawassee County Zoning Ordinance. He attended the meeting and stated that the amendment will not be approved as proposed. He stated that there were concerns of the increased cost of building because of the required curbs, gutters and drives built to Road Commission standards. Also, there were concerns of having a drive built to Road Commission standards for only one or two homes sharing one driveway.

Audrey will contact Linda Cordier and discuss the status of this amendment. If needed, a letter will be sent that will contain this commission's views. Those views being that it is favorable to have curbs, gutters and driveways built to Road Commission specifications when pertaining to cluster homes. However, it might be a greater financial burden to subject such strict requirements to home owners when it involves only two or three houses.

Updating the Middlebury Township master plan was discussed. Givens volunteered to discuss possible meetings with Fairfield and New Haven townships with an outside planning advisor to counsel us. He will contact MTA and get advice first.

A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Stevens to adjourn. All ayes, no nays, carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Audrey Sovis, Clerk