

The Middlebury Township planning commission met Thursday April 6, 2006 at the Ovid Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag led by Smalec. Those in attendance included: Dennis Smalec, Rich Givens, Glen Nethaway, Gene Ruess, Mike Stevens and Audrey Sovis. David Sovis was absent. There were no visitors.

A motion was made by Ruess, seconded by Givens to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2006 meeting; all ayes, no nays, carried. A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Ruess to approve the agenda with the request that the Master Plan Land Use Update be moved to the end of the meeting; all ayes, no nays, carried.

There were no public comments.

Smalec gave an update on the Zoning Amendments to the Private Roads Ordinance. After attending the public hearing in Corunna, he stated that the Home Builders Association objected to a few things and wanted to eliminate the requirement of a paved road when 3-6 homes were present. They also requested that the ½% administrative fee be done away with. This will all go back to the re-write committee. Also mentioned was the addition of a public utility easement under 654.7 K, and that a clarification be made under 657.M

A motion was made by Givens, seconded by Stevens to recommend that the township board approve the proposed text amendment change to the “Conditional Zoning” ordinance; all ayes, no nays, carried.

Givens reported that he met with Bill Lasher, Village of Ovid President, to discuss the possibility of Middlebury and Ovid’s Planning Commissions meeting together to discuss details of future project interactions with one another, as Middlebury prepares to update its Master Land Use Plan. A future meeting with Ovid Township Planning Commission may also be arranged.

Discussion of questions to pose on a planning survey for the residents of Middlebury Township took place. Givens gave several suggestions and it was decided that he and Smalec will create a survey to be handed out. Sovis will call MTA and find out if a survey can be conducted at the election May 2.

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made by Givens, seconded by Nethaway to adjourn; all ayes, no nays, carried.

Audrey Sovis, Clerk