

Meeting Minutes
Saline Sustainability Circle
Tuesday November 18, 2008
Lodi Township Hall

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Present:

Lodi Township: Jack Steeb, Don Pennington

Saline Area Schools: Janice Warner

Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Larry Osterling

City of Saline: Todd Campbell, Gretchen Driskell, David Rhoads

Saline Township: Alex Smith, Bill Smith

Washtenaw County Planning: Terry Brinkman

York Township: Jane Kartje

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from October 21, 2008

Motion by Steeb, supported by Rhoads, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Lodi Township Draft Master Plan

Don Pennington presented highlights from the revised Lodi Township Master Plan

- First regional planning was the Saline Area Regional Planning Commission in the 1970s
- Need to look at neighboring cities and townships
- Establishing the character of the township and special areas, such as Lodi Central
- Developers expected to refine the character desired
- Adoption of the new Master Plan will require zoning back-up when approved
- Plan to distribute the draft Master Plan for comments as required by the end of November
- Discussion of the Plan followed

4. Next Meeting

The January 20, 2009, meeting will be held at the York Township Hall. The agenda will include a review of the [Saline Sustainability Circle Regional Planning Guidelines](#) with respect to recent updates of the Planning and Zoning Acts.

5. Future Agenda Items

January – New representative orientation, organization goals, review the Regional Planning Guidelines

Develop a strategy for Private Wastewater Treatment Plants within the SSC region

Transfer of Development Rights (Elizabeth Riggs)

Saline River Green Belt

6. Next Meeting Dates and Locations

December – no meeting

January 20, 2009 – York Township

7. Administrative Items

- The SSC needs a replacement nominee for the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board; Feliziana Meyer is not eligible any more due to the election.
- A letter was sent to each of the township supervisors, the city mayor, and the school board president. It asked them to review and update their list of delegates to the SSC. It also mentioned that the January meeting would be a direction-setting meeting for the year. A copy of the SSC Charter was attached to the letters.

8. Meeting Notices and Announcements

- December 13 and 14, Rentschler Farm Christmas program.
- Downtown Saline tree lights are up now.
- The Saline Chamber of Commerce is trying to help struggling businesses.
- The Christmas Parade has many groups requesting space.
- Brownfield redevelopment has been approved for Village market and the Banks of Saline.
- There has been an organization change for the County Planning and Environment department. County Planning is now part of Support Services and has moved to the downtown annex. Environmental Health is now part of the County Health Department.
- York Township is working on revised truck routes.
- Saline Area Schools sold some land to the Saline District Library so the parking lot between the library and the middle school can be reconfigured.
- Saline Area Schools student count is up 60 this year; audit was rated high.
- Lodi Township has approved a new cell tower on Textile Road for AT&T and T-Mobile.
- The City of Saline is to put out a community survey in early December. The survey will be used to help establish the city's priorities.
- The 2009 Celtic Festival has been approved by the City and will take place July 11.
- Grants are available to rehab the Kelly's building
- The City of Saline and Saline Township are working on an urban development 425 agreement. The next joint committee meeting is on December 10.
- The Saline Leadership Institute is looking for its next training group. Tuition is \$495.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Veenstra
Secretary

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