

**Minutes of Saline Sustainability Circle meeting held Tuesday,  
August 15, 2006, Saline Township Hall, 5731 Braun Road, Saline MI 48176**

**I. Call To Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lirones at 7:10 pm. Present: Terri Blackmore, Laurie Leinbach, Jane Kartje, Jan Godek, Brian Shorkey, James Walter, Judith Walter, David Rhoads, Christina Lirones, Joshua Long, Keith Girbach, Ryan Buck, Gretchen Driskell.

**II. Election of Officers:** David Rhoads offered nomination of the current slate of officers: Chair Christina Lirones, Vice Chair Jane Kartje, Secretary Art Trapp. Motion by Rhoads, supported by Godek, to close the nominations. Motion carried. Motion by Godek, supported by Walter, to elect the officers as nominated. Motion carried. Officers are elected for one year; next annual election: July, 2007.

**III. Review and Acceptance of Minutes** from June 20, 2006. Motion by Rhoads, supported by Godek, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**IV. Presentation and Discussion: WATS Draft Non-Motorized Plan.**

Ryan Buck of WATS (Washtenaw Area Transportation Study) provided a presentation on the Draft Non-Motorized Plan for Washtenaw County, dated June 2006. The plan is available on the WATS website at [www.miwats.org](http://www.miwats.org), and comments are invited. The plan provides analysis of existing non-motorized pathways throughout the County, as well as plans for future non-motorized projects. Deficiencies in sidewalks and bike paths throughout the County are also noted. Mr. Buck reviewed surveys that were conducted in formulating the plan, and answered questions from those in attendance. Terri Blackmore of WATS also offered support and assistance to communities working on pathway plans, and asked that the member communities incorporate the WATS plan into their own plans and ordinances.

**V. Presentation and Discussion: WCRC Capital Improvement Plan.**

Brian Shorkey of the WCRC (Washtenaw County Road Commission) provided an overview of the Road Commission's Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years. He reviewed projects included in the previous CIP that would be completed by the end of 2006. The CIP incorporates suggestions submitted by local units of government in Washtenaw County. Mr. Shorkey invited attendees to complete their project suggestions as soon as possible and submit them by early September at the latest. Once a project is incorporated in the CIP, WCRC seeks funds from appropriate sources. He commented that Michigan transportation funds continue to be reduced, which is a challenge for the WCRC.

- VI. Presentation and Discussion: Washtenaw Land Trust's Kendall Rogers easement in York Township.** – postponed. Ms. Lackey was unable to attend the meeting.
- VII. Future Agenda Items:** September 19 – Jan Godek and Josh Long will coordinate discussion regarding establishment of Goals and Objectives for the Saline Sustainability Circle. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at Saline City Hall (Municipal Building), 100 N. Harris Street, 7:00 pm.
- VIII. Meeting Notices:** David Rhoads noted that the Harvest of the Arts would be held in Saline on September 16, and the Washtenaw County Fair would start September 5. Jane Kartje announced the groundbreaking for the new Toyota facility in York at 11:00 am on September 8. Brian Shorkey noted that the Howell Melon Festival would be held the upcoming weekend, including 32 artists. Gretchen Driskell announced the Saline Area Historical Society would hold its “town meeting” in the old United Methodist Church downtown on September 13 at 7:00 pm, with a speaker and refreshments. She also announced the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Saline/Brecon Friendship Guild September 7 at City Hall. New municipal building projects were also noted in Saline (DPW) and Pittsfield Township (Community Rec Center and Public Safety Headquarters).
- IX. Next Meeting Dates and Locations:**
- September 19 meeting: City of Saline Conference Room.
  - October 17: Lodi Township Hall
  - November 21: York Township Hall or Pittsfield Township Hall
- X. Roundtable Dialogue:** General discussion of outcomes for August elections that affected the SSC. Saline Township's millage was approved to defend against a lawsuit by developer Biltmore; Pittsfield voters rejected the recall attempts against the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer; and voters approved the Saline District Library's expansion millage. Members discussed development issues in Lodi, York, and Pittsfield. In each Township, developers are attempting to build projects which do not conform to the local master plans. Future plans for the WCRC's property in Scio Township were discussed.
- XI. Public Comment:** none.
- XII. Adjournment:** Motion by Walter, supported by Leinbach, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Lirones, in the absence of Secretary Trapp.  
Draft minutes prepared on Wednesday, August 16, 2006.