

**Minutes of the Saline Sustainability Circle Meeting, held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007
Pittsfield Charter Township Administration Building**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairperson Lirones
2. Present: Dave Rhoads, Jack Steeb, Christina Lirones, Joshua Long, Jane Kartje, James Walter, Judith Walter, Gretchen Driskell, Patrick Little, Jan Godek, Doug Veenstra, Keith Girbach, Brian Shorkey, Val Cooper, Steve Puuri, Ryan Buck, and Art Trapp.
3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes for January 16, 2007 was moved by Steeb and seconded by Walter. Motion carried.
4. Ryan Buck from the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study distributed copies of the new Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
5. Washtenaw County Road Commission Director Steve Puuri made a power point presentation on the state road funding issues.
6. Resolution in opposition to the issuance of MDEQ permit No. MI0058174, a waste water discharge permit for 660 dwelling units requested by Fairview Land Development LLC, contrary to the Lodi Township Master Plan was moved by Jack Steeb and seconded by Dave Rhoads. Resolution approved unanimously (see attachment #1).
7. Resolution in opposition to the issuance of MDEQ permit No. MI0057877, a waste water discharge permit for 3,260 dwelling units requested by Saline Investors LLC for the Riverwood Development, contrary to the Saline Township Master Plan was moved by James Walter and seconded by Jan Godek. Resolution approved unanimously. (see attachment #2).
8. Future Meeting Agenda Items: Road Commission's approved CIP and a discussion or presentation on Farmers Markets
9. Meeting Notices:

Gretchen Driskell: Town Hall Meeting for March 1, 2007, public information meeting regarding the State's current fiscal crisis, with time and location to be announced.

Jan Godek: March 28, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Farm Council Grounds, public hearing regarding the MDEQ discharge permit for Fredrick Farms (Fairview Development LLC)

Joshua Long: the County's private wastewater treatment facility ordinance in final draft stage.

Dave Rhoads: Saline's Community Garden has a location off Woodland Dr. near the Weber-Blaess schoolhouse.

Saline Township: February 22, 2007 public hearing at Saline Township Hall regarding the Biltmore sewage treatment facility.

10. Next Meeting sites and locations:

March 20, 2007	Lodi Township
April 17, 2007	York Township * to be confirmed

11. Motion to adjourn at 8:53 P.M. by Dave Rhoads and seconded by Jack Steeb.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Art Trapp, Recording Secretary

Attachment # 1

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ISSUANCE OF MDEQ WASTEWATER DISCHARGE
PERMIT # MI0058174 TO SERVE THE PROPOSED
FREDRICK FARMS DEVELOPMENT IN LODI TOWNSHIP**

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Saline Sustainability Circle, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Pittsfield Charter Township Administration Building located at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, in said Township, on the 20th day of February, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Rhoads, Jack Steeb, Christina Lirones, Jane Kartje, James Walter, Gretchen Driskell, Jan Godek, Doug Veenstra, Keith Girbach, Art Trapp.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Steeb and supported by Member Rhoads.

WHEREAS, Fairview Land Development LLC has applied for a NPDES wastewater discharge permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to serve a proposed 660-unit single-family residential development called “Fredrick Farms;” and

WHEREAS, Rule 323.1098 of the MDEQ’s administrative rules (“Rule 98”) requires that a petitioner for a NPDES wastewater discharge permit demonstrate that important social or economic development or benefits would be forgone if the permit were not approved; and

WHEREAS, the Saline Sustainability Circle developed Regional Planning Guidelines intended to promote responsible growth in the Saline area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline and the Townships of Lodi, Pittsfield, Saline, and York as members of the Saline Sustainability Circle have accepted these Regional Planning Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Guidelines provide for areas of urban residential development where appropriate municipal services are available in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Guidelines provide for preservation of prime farmland/agri-business areas to, in part, maintain a critical mass of agricultural land in the Saline Sustainability Circle communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Township General Development Plan is consistent with the Saline Sustainability Circle Regional Planning Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development, and its associated wastewater discharge, are in direct conflict with both the Saline Sustainability Circle Regional Planning Guidelines and the Township’s General Development Plan, which embody the social and economic development desired by residents of the Saline Area and Lodi Township, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fredrick Farms development will cause undue burden to the taxpayers of Lodi Township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fredrick Farms development will not provide significant social or economic benefits to Lodi Township or the Saline region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saline Sustainability Circle opposes the issuance of the proposed NPDES Permit # MI0058174, and communicates its opposition, by copy of this resolution, to Stephanie Swart of the MDEQ, the Lodi Township Board of Trustees, and the elected legislators from the township.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

_____/s/
Art Trapp, Recording Secretary
Saline Sustainability Circle

DATED: February 20, 2007

Attachment # 2

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ISSUANCE OF MDEQ WASTEWATER DISCHARGE
PERMIT # MI0057877 TO SERVE THE PROPOSED
RIVERWOOD DEVELOPMENT IN SALINE TOWNSHIP**

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The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Walter and supported by Member Godek.

WHEREAS, Saline Investors LLC has applied for a NPDES wastewater discharge permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to serve a proposed 3260-unit residential development called "Riverwood;" and

WHEREAS, Rule 323.1098 of the MDEQ's administrative rules ("Rule 98") requires that a petitioner for a NPDES wastewater discharge permit demonstrate that important social or economic development or benefits would be forgone if the permit were not approved; and

WHEREAS, the Saline Sustainability Circle developed Regional Planning Guidelines intended to promote responsible growth in the Saline area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline, the Townships of Lodi, Pittsfield, Saline, and York, the Saline Area Schools, and the Saline Chamber of Commerce, as members of the Saline Sustainability Circle have accepted these Regional Planning Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Guidelines provide for areas of urban residential development where appropriate municipal services are available in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Guidelines provide for preservation of prime farmland/agri-business areas to, in part, maintain a critical mass of agricultural land in the Saline Sustainability Circle communities; and

WHEREAS, the Saline Township General Development Plan is consistent with the Saline Sustainability Circle Regional Planning Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development, and its associated wastewater discharge, are in direct conflict with both the Saline Sustainability Circle Regional Planning Guidelines and the Township's General Development Plan, which embody the social and economic development desired by residents of the Saline Area and Saline Township, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Riverwood development will cause undue burden to the taxpayers of Saline Township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Riverwood development will not provide significant social or economic benefits to Saline Township or the Saline region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saline Sustainability Circle opposes the issuance of the proposed NPDES Permit # MI0057877, and communicates its opposition, by copy of this resolution, to Asad Quraishi of the MDEQ, the Saline Township Board of Trustees, and the elected legislators from the township.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Art Trapp, Recording Secretary
Saline Sustainability Circle

DATED: February 20, 2007