

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Saline Sustainability Circle**  
**Tuesday October 21, 2008**  
**Saline City Hall**

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present:

Lodi Township: Jack Steeb, Doug Veenstra

Saline Area Schools: Janice Warner

Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Larry Osterling

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

Washtenaw County Planning and Environment: Terry Brinkman

York Township: Jane Kartje

Others: Els Nieuwenhuijsen, Donald Hes

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from September 16, 2008

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

3. Community Participation and People with Disabilities: Issues and Challenges

Els Nieuwenhuijsen discussed what communities can do to enable people with disabilities to participate in the community

- Disability... how do we define health and disability
- Why focus on community participation and people with disabilities?
- Recommendations for the future ... for discussion

The handout associated with this presentation may be accessed at

[http://salinesustainability.org/meetings/2008Meetings/Disability\\_102108.pdf](http://salinesustainability.org/meetings/2008Meetings/Disability_102108.pdf)

The National Organization on Disabilities suggests that cities

- Promote accessibility
- Develop a welcoming attitude toward people with disabilities
- Encourage participation of people with disabilities – solicit their input

We have opportunities to promote accessibility

- Publicize existing accessible sites
- Make more facilities accessible

Local resources

- Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living
- Washtenaw County Library for the Blind

4. Administrative Items

The Secretary will contact member organizations, after the November elections, to invite them to review and possibly update their appointments for representatives to the Saline Sustainability Circle.

5. Future Agenda Items

November – Lodi Township Draft Master Plan

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)

6. Next Meeting Dates and Locations

November 18, 2008 – Lodi Township

December – no meeting

January 20, 2009 – York Township

7. Meeting Notices and Announcements

- Thursday, October 23, Chamber of Commerce annual Business Enterprise Awards at Stonebridge Golf Club. Phoenix Contractors and Pineapple House will be honored.
- Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am, Community walk from the Farmers' Market to Curtis Park.
- Saturday, October 25, Last Farmers' Market until spring.
- Saturday, October 25, 6:00 am – 11:00 am, the Lions' Club will be selling cider in front of Benny's Bakery, the Drowsy Parrot, and Busch's.
- The Saline Area Senior Center is doing a long-range plan. It is exploring expanding its mission from mainly recreation to include advocacy.
- The Henne Field redevelopment is underway. It is expected that the path and the parking lot base will be completed before construction stops in mid-November.
- Saline Area Schools has formed two committees: one to address the future uses of Liberty School, and one to address student safety issues.
- The downtown tree lighting fund raising campaign is on target.
- The Lodi Township Draft Master Plan is nearly complete. Lodi expects to distribute the draft for comments within the next month.
- Washtenaw County has received a Purchase of Development Rights grant from the State of Michigan. The grant money will be used for property in Lima Township. Within the SSC, Lodi and York Townships are part of the County PDR program.
- The Toyota ribbon-cutting ceremony last week in York Township was well attended.
- 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.
- Tefft Park tennis courts have been rebuilt, and a sand volleyball court has been added. Funding was provided by the CARES millage and the City of Saline.
- The City of Saline and Comcast have settled a dispute over franchise fees and PEG fees. The Community Access channel will continue to be funded.
- The City of Saline and Saline Township held a joint meeting in September to discuss a 425 agreement between the two municipalities. A joint working group was formed to develop the agreement.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Steeb, supported by Rhoads, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at

8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Veenstra  
Secretary

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