



**Washtenaw County
Department of Planning & Environment**

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 27, 2005**

Members Present

Dries, Gray, Knol, Kelly, Lewis, Meyer, Smith, Solowczuk, Walz,

Members Absent

Bobrin, Brackenbury, Williams

Staff Present

Golke, Brinkman, VanDerworp, Watkins, Denig

Call to Order and Roll Call

Pat Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Chris Watkins took roll call. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Solowczuk motioned for approval of the May 23, 2005, minutes, Smith supported. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Approval of Agenda

Solowczuk motioned for approval of the agenda with amendments as requested by Chair Kelly, Waltz supported. All in favor, the motion carried. The amended agenda was approved.

New Business

Non-motorized Transportation Presentation-Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck-WATS

Ms. Blackmore reviewed the handout given to the Board members explaining the Non-Motorized plan, the concept to provide Countywide walking and biking facilities. She gave details on the background and the updating process in developing the plan, the impacts of the plan for the local units, pending-adopted policies and legislation involving the plan, as well as the goals and objectives of the plan.

There was a brief discussion and questions answered regarding the plan and the challenges and issues encountered.

Non-motorized Transportation Presentation-Tom Freeman-Washtenaw County Parks & Rec. Dept.

Mr. Freeman gave a presentation of the Border to Border project that started in 1998 to promote healthy lifestyles within the County and the Greenway Advisory Committee started in 1999 and the 5 year master plan to assist with the project. The majority of the trail runs parallel to the Huron River. Other segments of the project are in Livingston and Wayne Counties.

He gave brief descriptions of the segments of the project that are in the Dexter-Delhi Metro Park, the Hudson Mill Park area, Dixboro-Huron River Drive, and the Ford Lake areas. He also demonstrated how the signs for the areas would look and the incorporation of an educational piece about the area as well as identifying the collaborative partners of the project.

Mr. Freeman answered questions regarding the project, funding, and bridges from board members.

Ann Arbor Township Master Plan Amendment

Amy Golke gave a brief review of the proposed Ann Arbor Township Master Plan Amendment. The Township accomplished this by introducing two new land use classifications-Agricultural Production and Open Space Preservation- and applying an Agricultural Preservation Overlay District over both land uses. Kris Olsson, of the Ann Arbor Township Planning Commission, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the amendment.

After a brief discussion, there was consensus to recommend that language be added to the staff report and transmittal letter to the township indicating that TDA be used as an additional tool for land preservation.

Solowczuk motioned to accept the Ann Arbor Township Amendment and County Planning staff report, including PAB recommended changes, and to recommend approval of same to the Board of Commissioners. Gray supported. All in favor, the motion carried.

Saline Township PA 116-830-2005 & 116-831-2005

Terry Brinkman gave a brief description of the two PA 116 Applications giving the details and differences of each as well as a description of the PA 116 impacts and applications.

Following a brief discussion and two minor changes noted and recommended, Solowczuk motioned to accept the two PA 116 Applications with the recommended changes given and recommend approval of same to the Board of Commissioners. Walz supported. All in favor, the motion carried.

Report of the Chair – Pat Kelly

There was no report from the Chair.

Report of the Director – Tony VanDerworp

It was decided that an email would be sent to Board members regarding the July and August meetings. The Board members are asked to him or Chris Watkins know if they will be attending those meetings. Due to summer vacations, we want to make sure we have a quorum present for those meetings.

Tony announced that Amy Golke, Planner had given her resignation and due to staff shortages, projects will be reprioritized and some will be placed on hold.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Other Items for Discussion

None

Roundtable:

There were no roundtable discussion items.

Future Agenda items

There were no future agenda items

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Pat Kelly, Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Solowczuk motioned for adjournment, Smith supported. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at 705 N. Zeeb Road, **MSU lower level Conference Room.**