



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Green Space Advisory Board

Chairperson Gerald Carvey, Vice Chairperson Tim Gauthier
Members: Thomas Dohr, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips, Beth Tilove
Council Member Adam Kochenderfer
Youth Representatives: Pranita Balusu, Alexis Smith, Michelle Thorpe

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carvey called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Gerald Carvey, Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves and Dahlvin Peterson

Absent 3 - Lynn Loeb, Samantha Phillips and Beth Tilove

Member Loeb entered at 7:05 p.m. Member Phillips entered at 7:11 p.m.

Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, Adam Kochenderfer, and Roger Moore

Non-Voting Members Absent: Pranita Balusu, Alexis Smith and Michelle Thorpe

Others Present: Sandy Niks, Brian Hwang, and Andrew Oh

Committee Members Tilove, Balusu, Smith and Thorpe provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2013-0263 Regular Meeting - June 25, 2013

Attachments: [06-25-13 GSAB draft minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Graves, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Carvey, Dohr, Gauthier, Graham, Graves and Peterson

Absent 3 - Loeb, Phillips and Tilove

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes

the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Carvey welcomed the following members of the public:

Ms. Sandy Niks, resident. Mr. Brian Hwang and Mr. Andrew Oh, students at International Academy High School.

Member Loeb entered at 7:05 p.m.

Present 7 - Gerald Carvey, Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb and Dahlvin Peterson

Absent 2 - Samantha Phillips and Beth Tilove

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

*Chairperson Carvey noted that he had met with City Council members regarding green space acquisitions and stewardship. The City Attorney has drafted a ballot proposal to repurpose the Green Space Millage fund. The proposal will be added to this agenda for discussion under **NEW BUSINESS**. The proposal would need to be approved by City Council at the August 12, 2013 meeting in order to appear on the November 2013 ballot.*

2008-0131 GSAB Communication, Promotion & Education Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

Member Phillips entered at 7:11 p.m.

Present 8 - Gerald Carvey, Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson and Samantha Phillips

Absent 1 - Beth Tilove

2012-0443 Discuss Stewardship Management Plan

1.) Define property inventory: (Members Carvey, Gauthier, Hartner, Moore, Balusu)

Chairperson Carvey noted nothing new to report at this time.

2.) Define stewardship for Rochester Hills and develop a mission statement and vision statement: (Members Tilove, Graves, Peterson, Dohr, Thorpe)

As noted in the February 26 and March 26, 2013 minutes, the Board consensus for the definition of stewardship was as follows: "Stewardship is the responsible managing of land to protect, conserve, and enhance biodiversity and natural features, for the benefit of current and future generations."

As noted in the April 23, 2013 minutes, the Board unanimously supported the mission statement as follows: "It is the mission of the Rochester Hills' Green Space Advisory Board to enhance our community through the preservation and stewardship of natural features."

Member Peterson presented a revised draft vision and value statement that included the suggestions from the June 25, 2013 GSAB meeting. Members reviewed the revised draft. The vision and value statement was reflected as follows:

VISION AND VALUE STATEMENT

The Green Space Advisory Board was established by City Council to support the Green Space Millage passed by the citizens of Rochester Hills in September 2005, "... to permanently preserve natural green spaces, wildlife habitats and scenic views; protect woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams; expand the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors by funding the purchase of land and interests in land ...".

The GSAB would now request City Council revise our scope of authority in order to create a vision and plan for future stewardship of significant sensitive natural resources within Rochester Hills, in order to protect, care and maintain green spaces and natural features owned or acquired by the City of Rochester Hills.

VISION

To assure a high quality living environment including native habitat protection, responsible land stewardship and long term sustainability in order to pass onto

future generations a community of sustained and maintained public lands for the citizens of Rochester Hills.

VALUE

Establish the citizens of Rochester Hills as public stewards of our natural environment, create public awareness of the economic value of green spaces, and provide for continuing education and communication about green space activities in order to increase citizen stewardship awareness.

- *To promote bio-diversity through removal of invasive species and restoration of native plant materials.*
- *To preserve and protect public lands through conservation easements, steep slope ordinances, shoreline erosion abatement, wetland preservation, maintaining rivers and streams and expanding the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors.*
- *To make recommendations to the City Council as to assure that lands under control of the city are protected with a land management plan.*

The Board expressed their appreciation to Member Peterson for a nice job.

3.) Research what other communities have done regarding stewardship and how to measure results: (Members Loeb, Phillips, Graham, Smith)

No new report at this time.

4.) Establish presentation sub-committee:

*Chairperson Carvey suggested a committee be established to develop and make a presentation to City Council at the August 12, 2013 meeting regarding the two new items discussed under **NEW BUSINESS**. Members Gauthier, Graham, Peterson and Phillips volunteered. All members of GSAB are encouraged to attend to show support.*

NEW BUSINESS

2013-0293 Discussion to revise GSAB's scope of authority established in 2005 to include a vision and plan for future stewardship management plan.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[GSAB Presentation.pdf](#)
[072313 GSAB Minutes \(draft\).pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

The Board discussed a revised vision and value statement presented by Member Peterson under LF # 2012-0443. The revised draft included the suggestions from June 25, 2013 GSAB meeting. Comments noted were:

- * *The prior stewardship presentation could be expanded upon.*
- * *GSAB will continue to provide due diligence and provide education to City Council and residents regarding uses of green space millage funds for*

stewardship and why it is important.

* *The Niswander baseline assessment report conducted in June, 2010 is a great resource for conclusive stewardship projects can be conducted on currently city-owned green space parcels.*

* *If the scope of authority is revised, GSAB could develop priorities and make annual budget recommendations to City Council for stewardship.*

* *A legal perpetual care fund could be established via City Council resolution to ensure green space funds are used for property acquisition and stewardship.*

Chairperson Carvey suggested a request be made to City Council to revise GSAB's scope of authority established in 2005 to include a vision and plan for a future stewardship plan.

A motion was made by Dohr, seconded by Peterson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Carvey, Dohr, Gauthier, Graham, Graves, Loeb, Peterson and Phillips

Absent 1 - Tilove

Whereas, the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) has had several discussions to define stewardship for Rochester Hills, and

Whereas, GSAB has had several discussions to develop a mission statement and vision statement regarding a future stewardship management plan for significant natural resources within Rochester Hills;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that GSAB would now like to request that City Council revise our scope of authority in order to create a vision and plan for future stewardship of significant natural resources within Rochester Hills, in order to protect, care and maintain green spaces and natural features owned or acquired by the City of Rochester Hills.

2013-0294 Discussion of draft ballot proposal to repurpose the Green Space Millage fund to include stewardship.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Ballot Language - Admin \(Updated\).pdf](#)
[081213 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Green Space Ballot Proposal.pdf](#)
[081213 Draft Resolution.pdf](#)

Chairperson Carvey presented a draft ballot proposal prepared by the City's attorney to repurpose the Green Space Millage fund. Members discussed the proposal and made the following suggestions:

* *Paragraph one, sentence two should read, "... to permanently preserve green spaces and natural features ..."*

* *Paragraph two, sentence two should read, "... the green space millage be expanded revised ..."*

Other comments noted were:

** It is very important that GSAB demonstrates proper use for stewardship funds. The Niswander baseline assessment report conducted in 2010 demonstrates concrete stewardship projects needed for current city-owned green space parcels.*

** If the voters approve a ballot proposal to repurpose the funds to include stewardship, a legal perpetual care fund could be established via City Council resolution to ensure green space land acquisition and stewardship protection and maintenance for future generations.*

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry will make an inquiry to the City Attorney to determine if the proposal would allow the protection and enhancement of the Clinton River running through Rochester Hills.

After discussion, the Board made a motion to recommend approval of the draft ballot proposal with the above suggestions.

A motion was made by Dohr, seconded by Phillips, that this matter be Approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Carvey, Dohr, Gauthier, Graham, Graves, Loeb, Peterson and Phillips

Absent 1 - Tilove

Whereas, the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) has reviewed the draft ballot proposal prepared by the City Attorney to repurpose the Green Space Millage fund to include stewardship for Rochester Hills, and

Whereas, GSAB made two suggestions:

Paragraph one, sentence two should read, "... to permanently preserve green spaces and natural features ..."

Paragraph two, sentence two should read, "... the green space millage be ~~expanded~~ revised ...";

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the GSAB hereby recommends the approval of the draft ballot proposal to City Council as amended.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2013 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Gerald Carvey, Chairperson

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