



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Gerald Carvey, Vice Chairperson Dahlvin Peterson
Members: Peter Beightol, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Darlene Janulis, Sandra Niks,
Donald Price
Council Member Susan Bowyer Ph.D.
Youth Representatives: Grace Currier, Elena Romund and Samina Saifee

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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 7 - Peter Beightol, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Sandra Niks, Dahlvin Peterson and Donald Price

Absent 1 - Darlene Janulis

Non-voting members present: Lance DeVoe, Dr. Susan Bowyer, Grace Currier

Non-voting members absent: Kurt Dawson with notice, Elena Romund, Samina Saifee with notice

Board Member Janulis provided notice that she would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Others: Patrick Endres, Sandra Rhames

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2015-0549](#) Regular Meeting - December 8, 2015

Attachments: [GSAB Meeting Minutes 12-8-15 Draft.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Aye 7 - Beightol, Carvey, Gauthier, Graves, Niks, Peterson and Price

Absent 1 - Janulis

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2015 as presented/amended.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Carvey welcomed new member Don Price and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Park Ranger Lance DeVoe gave the Board Members a status update on the stewardship work that Niswander Environmental is doing on the Harding Green Space property. They are in the process of removing woody invasives between the trail and the river.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Rhames, a resident of Rochester Hills introduced herself to the Board and expressed her concerns regarding wetlands areas as well as being interested in how the GSAB functions. Chairman Carvey welcomed her to the meeting. Ms. Rhames informed the Board Members of her homeowner's association experience with phragmites removal. Park Ranger DeVoe gave Ms. Rhames the contact information for Niswander Environmental in the event that her homeowner association would choose to pursue additional phragmites removal. Ms. Rhames additionally expressed her concern with potential future development on a conservation easement that is close to her home. Dr. Bowyer reviewed a city map and suggested that Ms. Rhames contact Director Anzek in the Planning Department for further information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

[2008-0130](#) GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

[2015-0503](#) Concept plans for individual Green Space properties.

Attachments: [Rivercrest maps.pdf](#)

Chairperson Carvey opened the discussion asking for comments on the Concept Plan for the Rivercrest property that he had sent out. Vice Chairperson Peterson inquired if the plan would include providing access to the site. Park Ranger DeVoe stated that once the invasive species were removed the existing trails through the property would be usable. Additionally, the removal of the solid fence and the addition of an

overlook would enhance the property. Board Members discussed the Concept Plan and inquired about a potential access site to the Clinton River for canoes and kayaks. Chairperson Carvey suggested that a more appropriate location for that type of activity would be at the Eagle's Landing area.

Chairperson Carvey asked the Board Members if there is a consensus on support of the Rivercrest Concept Plan so that the Concept Plan could be presented to City Council and be posted on the City website. Board Members concluded the discussion with agreeing to support the Rivercrest Concept Plan and to bring it before City Council in the future. Chairperson Carvey suggested that the Harding property be the next one to look at and develop a Concept Plan for and requested that Board Member Gauthier take his place at the next Concept Plan sub-committee meeting.

2008-0131

GSAB Communication, Promotion & Education Sub-Committee

Board Member Graves reported on the sub-committee meeting held recently on this year's Discovery Hike. The annual Discovery Hike will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Riverbend Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff members from Niswander Environmental will be on hand to demonstrate and discuss the stewardship program. Patrick Endres, Environmental Education staff member of the Museum at Van Hoosen Farms volunteered to help the day of the hike as well as assist in promoting the event. Board Member Graves will send out a "Save the Date" press release on the annual Discovery Hike.

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

2012-0443

Discuss Stewardship Management Plan

Vice-Chairperson Peterson requested an update on Niswander's activities in order to plan for future volunteer opportunities. Park Ranger DeVoe advised the Board that he will email the most recent update from Niswander Environmental detailing their upcoming projects and costs.

Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

2015-0553 *Adopt GSAB Meeting Schedule - 2016*

Attachments: [GSAB 2016 Meeting Schedule Memo.pdf](#)
 [Resolution on 2016 Meeting Schedule.pdf](#)

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

Aye 7 - Beightol, Carvey, Gauthier, Graves, Niks, Peterson and Price

Absent 1 - Janulis

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board establish the 2016 meeting schedule as the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Michigan time, at 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan, Oakland County, with the understanding that any meeting dates conflicting with holidays or elections will be rescheduled as needed. The exceptions will be November 15, 2016 and December 13, 2016.

The 2016 meeting dates are as follows: February 23, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 15, December 13, 2016.

Further Resolved that the meeting schedule will be posted in accordance with the Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended.

2016-0004 Election of GSAB Chairperson - 2016

Attachments: [2016 Nomination Form - Chair.pdf](#)
 [Resolution - Election of GSAB Chairperson 2016.pdf](#)

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast and Gerald Carvey be appointed as Chairperson of the Green Space Advisory Board for 2016.

Aye 7 - Beightol, Carvey, Gauthier, Graves, Niks, Peterson and Price

Absent 1 - Janulis

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast and Gerald Carvey be appointed as Chairperson of the Green Space Advisory Board for 2016.

2016-0005 Election of GSAB Vice Chairperson - 2016

Attachments: [2016 Nomination Form - Vice Chair.pdf](#)
 [Resolution - Election of GSAB Vice Chairperson.pdf](#)

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast and Dahlvin Peterson be appointed as Vice Chairperson of the Green Space Advisory Board for 2016.

Aye 7 - Beightol, Carvey, Gauthier, Graves, Niks, Peterson and Price

Absent 1 - Janulis

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast and Dahlvin Peterson be approved as Vice Chairperson of the Green Space Advisory Board for 2016.

2016-0007

Appointments to GSAB Sub-committees for 2016

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast on the matter:

Aye 7 - Beightol, Carvey, Gauthier, Graves, Niks, Peterson and Price

Absent 1 - Janulis

Resolved, the Green Space Advisory Board concurs with the following 2016 appointments to their Sub-committees:

Administration & Strategic Sub-committee: Gerald Carvey, GSAB Chairperson, Dahlvin Peterson, GSAB Vice Chairperson, Director of Parks & Forestry, and Dr. Susan Bowyer, City Council member.

Communications, Promotions & Education Sub-committee: Jayson Graves, sub-committee chair, Darlene Janulis, Sandra Niks, Don Price and Grace Currier and Samina Saifee, RHGYC representatives.

Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-committee: Tim Gauthier, sub-committee chair, Gerald Carvey and Director of Parks and Forestry.

Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-committee: Dahlvin Peterson, sub-committee chair, Peter Beightol and Elena Romund, RHGYC representative.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nakonek.

Gerald Carvey, Chairperson

