



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Gerald Carvey

Members: Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips, Beth Tilove

Council Member Adam Kochenderfer

Youth Representatives: Pranita Balusu, Laisa Magucha, Michelle Thorpe

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

8:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Gauthier called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Gerald Carvey

Non-Voting Members Present: Pranita Balusu, Mike Hartner, Laisa Magucha

Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson, Adam Kochenderfer, Roger Moore, and Michelle Thorpe

Others Present: None

Committee Members Dawson, Kochenderfer, and Moore provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2012-0044 Regular Meeting - January 24, 2012

Attachments: [01-24-12 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

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

Absent 1 - Carvey

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2012 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Member Tilove noted that Mr. Chris Bunch, Executive Director of the Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy, had invited GSAB members to the Spring Fever Open House on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:30 pm at the Paint Creek Cider Mill located on Orion Road in Oakland Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairperson Gauthier noted there were no members of the public present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

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

Green Space Boundary Signs

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry reported that the green space boundary signs have been ordered and should arrive in about two weeks and will be installed after the spring thaw. Mr. Hartner thanked Member Graham who provided the artwork. Naturalist Lance DeVoe is working with the City's MIS Department to determine the boundary corners where the signs will be installed. The signs will also be placed approximately every 200 feet along stretches of property where appropriate.

As the Board suggested, Mr. Hartner's staff will send an advisory letter to surrounding property owners and homeowner associations notifying them of the boundary sign installation project.

Second Annual Discovery Hike

Member Tilove reporting the sub-committee has met and provided the following update:

** The raffle prize donors to date are: Oakland County Parks (one pass), Rochester Hills Parks (two passes), Wild Birds Unlimited (one gift basket), Rochester Bike Shop (one bike helmet). KLM Bike Shop and Moosejaw have been contacted. Member Loeb will contact Bordine's, Mr. Roger Moore will contact Outdoor Excursions. Prizes will be completed soon and camera-ready artwork will be obtained to add donor logos to the banners and flyers for the event.*

** The publicity information has been e-mailed to all Board members who may distribute it to other groups, friends, etc. Member Graham volunteered to create the flyer again this year. Youth Representative Thorpe*

volunteered to distribute the flyers to schools, coffee shops and stores, etc. Member Gauthier offered to contact the Clinton River Watershed and the Friends of the Clinton River Trail to ask that they include the Discovery Hike information in their newsletter. Member Graves has contacted the Rochester College events coordinator to discuss the distribution of the Discovery Hike information to students and staff and will ask if anyone is interested in volunteering to talk about the College's open space area with hikers. Mr. Hartner's staff has a spreadsheet containing e-mail addresses of last year's participants which could also be invited.

** The Stewardship sub-committee has not decided on what type of presentation or demonstration to set up regarding invasive species. Suggestions included using the 2011 fall project photos and the upcoming 2012 spring work project and display "before and after" results as well as discuss why it is important to control invasive species.*

** Member Tilove spoke with Outdoor Excursions who will stage one or two kayaks, preferably at the bridge by the Rochester College open space, to discuss recreation on the Clinton River.*

Mr. Hartner provided the following information:

** The stewardship fund that was established at the Community Foundation is an endowed fund to maximize tax advantages to donors. Only interest earned can be granted. The current principal balance is approximately \$2,200 with minimal interest earned. Any future donations could be set up in a non-endowed fund whereby principle and interest would be available for stewardship projects. The Community Foundation has provided donation envelopes to be used at the information booths.*

** The Oakland County Sheriff's substation in Rochester Hills will provide a reserve deputy to discuss trail and bike safety. They will also provide information pamphlets.*

** Mr. Hartner distributed a newly created map by the MIS Department showing all the open space properties along the trail where the hike will take place. The reverse side contained a brief description of the green space parcels, the Green Space Advisory Board and their mission, along with some related web site resources. This map can be used by the hikers for reference, education and hopefully gain the understanding that this portion of the Clinton River Trail corridor is being protected for everyone. Mr. Hartner asked that Board members review the verbiage on the back side of the map and advise him of any suggestions.*

** Mr. Hartner also distributed the individual green space parcel maps that the MIS Department created from the baseline assessment report provided by Niswander Environmental LLC. The maps can be used at the individual stations to discuss each parcel with the hikers. Staff will assemble handouts that include Clinton River Trail maps, Oakland County Trail maps, Six Rivers Conservancy handouts and 100 small bags from the Mayor's Office to hold pamphlets for the hikers and keep the trail neat. It was suggested to*

secure more small donated bags, if possible, from Bordine's or Wild Birds in case there are more than 100 hikers at the discovery hike.

* It was also suggested to invite members of Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, Six Rivers Land Conservancy and Rochester Historical Society. Clinton River Watershed Council has made a commitment to send a volunteer to discuss the river and erosion, etc. There will be more discussions of volunteers needed for the hike at the next GSAB meeting.

[Youth Representative Pranita Balusu exited at 8:30 p.m.]

* It was suggested to preface any e-mails used to contact last year's hikers by stating something like, "...you are receiving this e-mail because you submitted a raffle card at the 2011 Green Space Discovery Hike..." when inviting them to the 2012 Discovery Hike.

* Funding for miscellaneous items that cannot be donated for the discovery hike will be discussed at the March GSAB meeting.

The Board thanked Member Tilove and the steering committee for terrific progress thus far.

Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

Mr. Hartner noted that the Administration is continuing the negotiations with two parcels.

Vice President Gauthier suggested that GSAB may want to revisit the parcels that were evaluated but not recommended in the past and possibly walk those parcels for the benefit of the new GSAB members. Mr. Hartner noted that any property that has not been developed or taken off the table by the owner could be reconsidered for potential. The Board consensus was to discuss the list of potential parcels at the May meeting and decide if members would like to set up a site walk sometime in June. As in the past, permission to walk any parcel would have to be obtained from the property owner.

Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Member Peterson noted the sub-committee has not met due to schedule conflicts but plans to meet soon. He contacted Naturalist Lance DeVoe who will assist with the spring work project to pull the invasive plant called garlic mustard. The best approach is a multi pull approach beginning in April to early June. However, the weather conditions dictate when the garlic mustard goes to seed. The first pull might be a two-hour pilot project using Board members only. The project would then be evaluated to determine the number of volunteers that may be needed for a second pull of garlic mustard

It was suggested to target Saturday, April 21st as the first pull date since the

Discover Hike is on Saturday, May 19th. Member Peterson will make the necessary contacts and send an e-mail to Board members regarding their availability to participate.

Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Gauthier adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2012 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Tim Gauthier, Vice Chairperson