



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Final

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Dahlvin Peterson, Vice Chairperson Darlene Janulis
Members: Peter Beightol, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Philip Leach, Heidi Morris,
Julia Rodriguez, Terry Stephens
Council Member Susan Bowyer Ph.D.
Youth Representatives: Mallory Boyd, Ramona Johnson and Audrey Weber

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peterson called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Non-Voting Members Present: Lance DeVoe, Ken Elwert

Non-Voting Members Absent: Susan M Bowyer, Ph.D., Mallory Boyd, Ramona Johnson and Audrey Weber

Others Present: Matt Einheuser, Sandra Niks

Members Susan M Bowyer, Ph.D and Mallory Boyd provided notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Present 9 - Peter Beightol, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Darlene Janulis, Philip Leach, Dahlvin Peterson, Julia Rodriguez and Terry Stephens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2018-0119](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - February 27, 2018

Attachments: [Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)
[02-27-18 Meeting Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

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

Aye 9 - Beightol, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis, Leach, Peterson, Rodriguez and Stephens

Resolved, that the Green Space Advisory Board approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018 as amended.

[2018-0160](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 27, 2018

Attachments: [032718 Draft GSAB Minutes.pdf](#)
[Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Janulis, seconded by Stephens that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Beightol, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis, Leach, Peterson, Rodriguez and Stephens

Resolved, that the Green Space Advisory Board approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018 as presented/amended.

STAFF REPORT

Director Elwert gave an update on GSAB budget and funds. He discussed Green Space Operating Fund and Trust Fund. Member Janulis brought up that she believed discussion of funds should be discussed at meetings a couple of times a year. Next update will be fall before planning for next fiscal year.

Matt Einheuser reported that Niswander had a couple of full days on the White property and Cloverport clearing invasive woody species. Director Elwert, Einheuser and DeVoe met with Niswander at the Rivercrest site. A sewer main that runs along the bank will make it difficult to remove the concrete. Discussed the possibility of a larger scale assessment of the river and modifications. Discussion ensued on continuing with looking at other potential options moving forward with site.

Member Graves brought up the option of bringing native species there to cover up the clearing and view of the concrete.

Einheuser reported on the high priority restoration site on Clinton River behind Yates Cider Mill. The Watershed council received a \$285,000 grant to restore that section and Rochester Hills is a partner on the project. There is likely a 2019 timeline.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Elwert mentioned the Arbor Day event being held Friday at 3:30 pm at Meadowbrook.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Niks followed up on Arbor Day event. It starts at 1 pm if anyone wants to come out and plant trees and take out invasive species.

Niks also asked if there is any plan for Phragmites control for homeowners and HOA's. Einheuser answered potentially yes. The department is currently looking into similar programs that Oakland Township and other similar communities have.

Chairperson Peterson mentioned that the HOA's meeting is coming up. Einheuser will be attending

Member Gauthier asked about the north east corner of Crooks and Hamlin and if Phragmites control will continue. Einheuser and DeVoe commented that it has continued to be treated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2018-0161 Green Space Signage

Members agreed that it looks great. Discussion on size and number to have printed ensued.

Motion to move forward with signage by Janulis. Seconded by Beightol. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Beightol, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis, Leach, Peterson, Rodriguez and Stephens

2018-0122 Green Space Ordinance Discussion

Discussed removing Non Smoking, more discussion ensued on smoking in Green Space areas. Further discussion on smoking and members decided to keep in the nonsmoking portion of the ordinance. Smoking is in direct conflict with preserving Green Space.

Discussion of dogs ensued. Residents need places for dogs and also areas for wildlife to live. Dogs are allowed at all other parks except for Spencer Park.

Fishing is allowed per licensing requirements.

2018-0074 Discovery Hike 2018

A press release was created by Mayor's office. Discussed if events could be created on city Facebook page and promotional help from Mayor's office.

Member Graves ran through checklist and review what is needed for Discovery Hike.

Discussion ensued about sponsorship and acknowledging the sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS

2018-0162 Discussion regarding property south of Tienken

Director Elwert gave an update on negotiations of two properties at Tienken and Adams. They are listed for sale.

Member Beightol motioned to request that the Mayor's Office reopen the discussion on the Tienken/Adams property. Seconded by Gauthier. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Beightol, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis, Leach, Peterson, Rodriguez and Stephens

2018-0163

Appointment of a Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Board Representative from the Green Space Advisory Board

Member Janulis motioned that Chairperson Peterson be appointed. Seconded by Gauthier. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Beightol, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis, Leach, Peterson, Rodriguez and Stephens

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Member Janulis would like the response of the community outreach from the city open house.

Member Graves asked for update on Ruby. There is progress.

Member Morris drafting a proposal of a monthly hike.

Member Beightol looking into a river tour. Would like to consider it in place of a meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday May 22, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.

Minutes were approved as presented at the June 26, 2018 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Dahlvin Peterson, Chairperson