



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Final

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Dahlvin Peterson, Vice Chairperson Darlene Janulis
Members: Peter Beightol, Dianah Foster, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Philip Leach,
Heidi Morris, Terry Stephens
Council Member Susan Bowyer Ph.D.
Youth Representatives: Maya Iyer, Sofia Tiberio, Dana Williams

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peterson called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Dianah Foster, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Darlene Janulis, Philip Leach, Dahlvin Peterson and Terry Stephens

Absent 2 - Peter Beightol and Heidi Morris

Non-Voting Members Present: Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D, Matt Einheuser, and Dana Williams.

Non-Voting Members Absent: Lance DeVoe, Ken Elwert, Maya Iyer and Sofia Tiberio.

Committee Members Peter Beightol, Heidi Morris, Ken Elwert, Lance DeVoe, Maya Iyer and Sofia Tiberio provided previous notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Others present: Joe Bruce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2018-0499](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 23, 2018

Attachments: [102318 Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)
[102318 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The minutes were Approved as Presented.

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Green Space Advisory Board Meeting held on October 23, 2018 be approved as presented.

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser reported that Niswander has been working at Harding, Innovation Hills, Ruby and Clear Creek Green Space properties in October. The work being done at Innovation Hills Green space looks very drastic. Einheuser

has a meeting scheduled with Niswander to discuss project options. Niswander is working on the 2018 report. They are on schedule to spend the entire budget.

Einheuser said the signs have been completed for Innovation Hills and Harding. They may have to wait to install until the ground is thawed.

Einheuser talked about the Second Saturday Hike. There were about 14 people that attended. Surveys have been sent out to those that were registered.

Einheuser updated the committee on the Ruby Extension. It is not official yet. Tim Gauthier inquired about the trail through the Ruby Green Space. Discussion ensued.

Einheuser said Ken Elwert is working with assessing to get the Mayor's office to take the next step with the Meldon Property.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Peterson welcomed the new member, Dianah Foster. The committee introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Bruce was attending the meeting to learn more about the committee. He has been a Rochester Hills resident for 25 years and is interested in joining the committee because of his background.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2018-0120 Second Saturday Green Space Hikes

The next hike will be December 8th at Innovation Hills Green Space.

2018-0122 Green Space Ordinance

Attachments: [Green Space Ordinance Draft](#)

Jayson Graves suggested that on page 3, section 74-258a, division rules and regulations, part A, "authorized" should be added before maintenance. Matt Einheuser agreed. Discussion ensued. Tim Gauthier asked if page 3, under use of lakes and ponds, does that exclude kayaking and canoeing? Discussion ensued. Einheuser suggested adding "except authorized by city." Committee is in agreement. Gauthier also doesn't agree with the exclusion of pets. Darlene Janulis thinks that they should be excluded. Discussion ensued. Voted to keep the exclusion of pets. All in agreement with exception of Gauthier. They will keep section 74-271.

Darlene Janulis moved that the ordinance, with changes, be sent to city council for their approval. Dianah Foster seconded.

Aye 7 - Foster, Gauthier, Graves, Janulis, Leach, Peterson and Stephens

Absent 2 - Beightol and Morris

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Discovery Hike

Jayson Graves gave an overview of previous Discovery Hikes. He asked if the committee wants to continue having them each spring. Discussion ensued. The general consensus was that they would continue annually and the date for the spring will be Saturday, May 4th, location to be determined.

2019 Green Space Stewardship Budget Discussion

Dahlvin Peterson explained the millage and gave a brief background.

Matt Einheuser talked about options for softening the bank at River Crest. Discussion ensued.

Darlene Janulis asked about the budget breakdowns. Einheuser said he would have the detailed breakdowns at the next meeting.

Tim Gauthier asked about invasive species control outside the Green Spaces.

Einheuser discussed the proposed Niswander projects for 2019, which include invasive control and establish and maintaining prairie at Ruby, clear invasive species at Clear Creek, woody species control at Childres, sediment control at Cloverport, a burn plan at Harding and big projects at Innovation Hills. Einheuser said that some of the projects still need to be discussed with Niswander. Niswander is suggesting an aggressive approach get into maintenance mode. Darlene Janulis suggested getting more marketing and information out to the community when making big changes in the Green Spaces, especially burns. Discussion ensued. Einheuser will have more information on other projects for the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dianah Foster asked about a property at John R and Wood Lane, a resident in her subdivision inquired about it. She wondered if it had been brought up as a potential Green Space. Tim Gauthier said it is not on any of his lists. Matt Einheuser will double check.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.

Minutes were approved as amended at the December 11, 2018 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Dahlvin Peterson, Chairperson