



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Final

### Green Space Advisory Board

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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Janulis called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Peter Beightol, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Darlene Janulis, Philip Leach, Dahlvin Peterson and Terry Stephens

**Absent** 1 - Dianah Foster

*Non-Voting members Present: Matt Einheuser, Susan Bowyer, Ph.D., and Sofia Tiberio*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Ken Elwert, Lance DeVoe, Maya Iyer and Dana Williams*

*Committee Members Dianah Foster, Ken Elwert, Lance DeVoe, Maya Iyer, and Dana Williams provided previous notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused*

*Others present: Jan Ladewig, Alina Ladewig, Joe Bruce*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-0182](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 26, 2019

**Attachments:** [03-26-19 Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)  
[03-26-19 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

**Approved as Presented**

**Aye** 8 - Beightol, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis, Leach, Peterson and Stephens

**Absent** 1 - Foster

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Green Space Advisory Board Meeting held on March 26, 2019 be approved as presented.

## STAFF REPORT

*Matt Einheuser said Niswander has been working at White and Harding Green Spaces. They are not using the heavy machinery now, because the ground has thawed. They will be working at Ruby soon to improve accessibility.*

*Einheuser is working with Purchasing to get a phragmites program underway. The city will work with HOA's to get competitive pricing with contractors. He is hoping to have something in place by fall. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser said that Forestry will be walking the Innovation Hills Green Space boundary along Heritage Oaks subdivision to look at any risky trees along the border.*

*Einheuser, along with arborists are going to local elementary schools for Arbor Day to discuss trees.*

*Member Gauthier asked about garlic mustard. Einheuser said Niswander will be pulling some and spraying other areas where it is 100% garlic mustard. Discussion ensued.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Chairperson Janulis mentioned emails from the local school districts; they are putting the Discovery Hike on their calendars.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2019-0018      2019 Discovery Hike

*Member Graves said the Discovery Hike will be held May 4th. Matt Einheuser said that the Clinton River Watershed Council will be cleaning up on Wednesday before the hike. Niswander will be sending two people. Einheuser and Lauren Oxlade will be there as well. Graves asked if there has been a press release. Einheuser will followup, the event is posted on Facebook. Graves said set up will begin at 9 am, the event starts at 10. Discussion ensued.*

### 2019-0140      Green Space Property Fact Sheets

*Members Stephens, Peterson and Gauthier met to work on the fact sheets. They created a sheet of invasive species and created an outline on the founding of the Green Spaces. Stephens is recommending a packet of materials. Discussion ensued. The group discussed a packet just for the leader of the Second Saturday Hike, it would contain all the information for someone who is guiding the hike.*

*Stephens suggested a workshop for the members to give them more information and knowledge about the Green Spaces. Creating an elevator*

*speech was also discussed.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Dr. Bowyer mentioned a river float with tubes. Matt Einheuser spoke about the kayak Outdoor Engagement program. Discussion ensued about kayaking or tubing to see the Green Spaces from the river. The groups set a tentative kayaking date of May 31st, dependent on river conditions.*

*Chairperson Janulis spoke about presenting to City Council. Would like to present at the July 15th meeting. Janulis would like to focus on the health benefits of Green Spaces, rather than the things that the board has done or plans to do. Dahlvin suggested starting with health benefits but also talk about what the board has done. Discussion ensued. Member Morris volunteered to assist with the presentation, which was supported by the group. Chairperson Janulis will meet with Matt Einheuser to draft the presentation.*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Janulis adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.*

*Minutes were approved as presented at the June 25, 2019 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

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*Darlene Janulis, Chairperson*