



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Final

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Darlene Janulis, Vice Chairperson Jayson Graves
Members: Peter Beightol, Joe Bruce, Tim Gauthier, Philip Leach, Heidi Morris, Dahlvin Peterson, Terry Stephens
Council Member Susan Bowyer Ph.D.
Youth Representatives: Hannah Bennett, Aman Dosanjh and Aden Smith

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janulis called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Peter Beightol, Tim Gauthier, Heidi Morris, Darlene Janulis, Philip Leach and Terry Stephens

Absent 2 - Jayson Graves and Dahlvin Peterson

Non-Voting members present: Lance DeVoe, Matt Einheuser and Susan Bowyer, Ph.D.

Non-Voting members absent: Ken Elwert.

Committee Members Jayson Graves, Dahlvin Peterson, and Ken Elwert provided previous notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Others present: Matthew and Lori Hackett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-0392](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - June 25, 2019

Attachments: [06-25-19 Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)
[06-25-19 Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Green Space Advisory Board Meeting held on June 25, 2019 be approved as presented.

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser discussed Niswander's progress. They have spent time at multiple Green Spaces and are having much success with buckthorn management. This includes the work that was completed in Innovation Hills Park. They will be focusing on phragmites in September. Lance DeVoe mentioned installing temporary deer fencing at Ruby. This would allow the prairie

to be established without the deer eating or pulling up everything they try to plant.

Einheuser mentioned that the phragmites program has 14 applicants and most of them will be treating.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hackett asked about Nowicki Park, he wondered if it would be a good Green Space Hike location. Lance DeVoe mentioned that it is an undeveloped park and that the soil there has a high clay content so many invasives choke out native plants there, such as milkweed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2018-0120 Second Saturday Green Space Hikes

Member Morris mentioned that the September hike will be held at Harding. The August hike had a great turnout. Morris asked for October recommendations, discussion ensued. Avon Nature Area was decided as the location for the October hike.

NEW BUSINESS

Green Space Trust Fund Update

Chairperson Janulis discussed the annual meeting held on August 27, 2019. The annual budget for Green Space is taken from the interest of the fund.

Innovation Hills Green Space Survey

Matt Einheuser said that the city has been looking at trees along the property lines bordering Innovation Hills Green Space. Without a survey it is difficult to determine which trees are the responsibility of the city and which are the adjacent property owners. Dr. Bowyer mentioned it should be discussed with legal. Discussion ensued. Einheuser will discuss with legal and department director.

2019-0435 Green Space Stewardship RFP

Matt Einheuser said he would like to have a GSAB member on the selection committee. Discussion ensued.

Terry Stephens motioned to request Jayson Graves represent the Green Space Advisory Board on the Stewardship RFP committee.

Aye 6 - Beightol, Gauthier, Morris, Janulis, Leach and Stephens

Absent 2 - Graves and Peterson

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Janulis brought up the Outdoor Engagement River Float program. She praised Lance DeVoe.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Janulis adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.

Minutes were approved as presented at the October 22, 2019 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Darlene Janulis, Chairperson