



# 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, Andrea Merritt, Heidi Morris, Terry Stephens*  
*Council Member Susan Bowyer Ph.D.*  
*Youth Representatives: Hannah Bennett, Aman Dosanjh and Aden Smith*

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Tuesday, July 28, 2020

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 6:01 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Peter Beightol, Tim Gauthier, Heidi Morris, Darlene Janulis, Philip Leach, Terry Stephens and Andrea Merritt

**Absent** 2 - Jayson Graves and Joe Bruce

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

*Non-Voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Hannah Bennett, Aman Disanjh and Aden Smith.*

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2020-0300](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - June 23, 2020

**Attachments:** [06-23-20 Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)  
[06-23-20 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Gauthier, seconded by Beightol, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain** 1 - Merritt

**Absent** 2 - Graves and Bruce

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Green Space Advisory Board Meeting held on June 23, 2020 be approved as presented.

## STAFF REPORT

*Matt Einheuser said Cardno has been continuing work at Innovation Hill Green Space, mainly controlling buckthorn. They have also been working at Ruby, making great progress.*

*Einheuser mentioned working on getting all the green spaces listed on Google Maps.*

*The Clinton River Watershed Council is starting some cleanup at Harding. Einheuser suggested the trail.*

*Einheuser updated the committee on the Yates cutoff channel. The channel will be blocked and the water will hopefully flow off the dam. The city has worked with the DNR, US Fish & Wildlife Service, DEQ and CRWC. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser mentioned the Outdoor Engagement River Float. Members Morris and Janulis attended and had a great time.*

*The phragmites program has 4 new applications.*

*Einheuser is working with the Arbor Day Foundation on a Community Canopy Program. Homeowners can sign up to receive a 2-4 ft tree in the mail to plant on their property.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Tim Gauthier gave his resignation. Chairperson Janulis thanked him for all the help he has given to the Green Space Advisory Board. Matt Einheuser read a proclamation from the city.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None*

## NEW BUSINESS

Green Space Trust Fund Update

*Chairperson Janulis discussed the Green Space Perpetual Trust meeting. She said they moved over 1 million into the trust to earn more interest. The fund*

*reached the \$7 million mark and has a 3.3% average return. They voted to keep things as it.*

#### Clinton River/Yates Riverbank Stabilization Project

*Matt Einheuser mentioned they wouldn't take funds out of the principal. Einheuser would use funds set aside for grant matching and use that for a project like this. Chairperson Janulis said they had 2 funds at one point and now there is just one. Janulis does not want to use the principal for projects or land. Dr. Bowyer mentioned that the original millage was to buy and protect properties. Then it was changed to be able to do maintenance on the properties as well. Discussion ensued.*

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Matt Einheuser mentioned Second Saturdays, they will hold off till fall. Chairperson Janulis suggested cancelling the next meeting and do a tour of some of the properties Cardno has been working on. Einheuser said due to the order they are not able to have face-to-face meetings.*

### NEXT MEETING DATE

*September 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm*

### ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Janulis adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.*

*Minutes were approved as presented at the September 22, 2020 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

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*Darlene Janulis, Chairperson*