



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Green Space Advisory Board

Chairperson William Windscheif, Vice Chairperson Paul Funk

*Members: Gerald Carvey, Laura Douglas, Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loeb, Lorraine McGoldrick,
Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke
Council Member Ravi Yalamanchi*

Youth Representatives: Aly Difilippo, Leo Oriet, Amith Nagesh

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windscheif called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, William Windscheif, Lynn Loeb, Linda Raschke and Laura Douglas

Absent 2 - Paul Funk and Dahlvin Peterson

Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, and Roger Moore

Non-Voting Members Absent: Aly Difilippo, Amith Nagesh, Leo Oriet and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present: Mike Bates and Duane Hinckley, representatives of the nominated parcels located in the Clinton River valley

Committee Members Funk and Peterson provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused. Councilman Yalamanchi also provided previous notice and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2009-0283 Regular Meeting - June 23, 2009

Attachments: [062309 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Carvey, seconded by McGoldrick, that this matter be Approved. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Carvey, Gauthier, McGoldrick, Windscheif, Loeb, Raschke and Douglas

Absent 2 - Funk and Peterson

COMMUNICATIONS

General comments were made about upcoming events pertaining to open space seminars.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Windscheif acknowledged that Mr. Mike Gates and Mr. Duane Hinkley were present to discuss two (2) newly nominated parcels referred to as the Clinton River valley parcels. The parcels are located on the west side of Rochester Road and north of Childress in Rochester Hills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0131 GSAB Communication, Promotion & Media Sub-Committee

Member McGoldrick reported she is maintaining a binder on GSAB articles.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

Member Gauthier reported submitting a \$1,000 grant application to the Kodak Foundation on July 15, 2009. The grant would provide seed money for a baseline stewardship assessment on the Harding Road property. He conveyed the grant application requirements to GSAB members and stated the Harding Road parcel fit the criteria well. The grant opportunity was discovered quickly and submitted through the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester on behalf of the Green Space Fund that is being administered by the Community Foundation. A September response is anticipated. The Board conveyed appreciation to members Gauthier and Carvey for meeting a short deadline.

Member Gauthier also distributed an update of the internal Property Nominations & Acquisitions log he is maintaining.

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, reported that he received written notification today (08-25-09) that the grant application submitted to the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) regarding the property acquisition for approximately 39.3 acres, located on the southeast corner of Sheldon and Mead Roads, has made the first cut by meeting the administrative review requirements. The grant application was for a 50% match of the true value of the property up to \$510,000. A copy of the grant application was shared with Board members to review. Mr. Hartner paid compliments to city staff who worked diligently to provide thorough information. He stated the application has a good potential for reaching the final list of recipients. There were 175 projects

submitted state wide for the grant deadline of August 1st. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will score each project and notify each applicant as to their ranking on the final list. If the City's application makes the final list, a request will be presented for approval of a project agreement to City Council in spring 2010. The City Council will have the final decision on the purchase price during negotiations.

A concern was mentioned regarding the transition of any new council members that may be elected this November as it relates to on going GSAB projects. The Board agreed to make a presentation to the new City Council and provide information and history of any pending open space projects, as well as reiterating that all council members are welcome to attend GSAB meetings.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Member Carvey reported that they are waiting to see if they receive a \$1,000 grant from the Kodak Foundation for seed money to begin a baseline assessment of the Harding Road property.

This matter was Discussed

2007-0753 Update regarding any nominated properties

Mr. Hartner reported that the Administration and City Council are continuing discussions on the Cloverport property.

This matter was Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

2009-0333 Discussion regarding Clinton River valley parcels

Chairperson Windscheif introduced Mr. Mike Bates and Mr. Duane Hinkley, owners of two (2) newly nominated parcels, totaling approximately 11.5 acres, located by the Clinton River, west of Rochester Road and north of Childress Ave., referred to as the Clinton River valley parcels.

Chairperson Windscheif briefly recapped the GSAB process of newly nominated properties, which include a property site visit, scoring the property based on adopted guidelines and discussion to recommend or not recommend acquisition to City Council. City Council approves all recommendations. Any negotiations to acquire properties are held between City Council, the Administration and the applicant.

The Board asked why the parcels were nominated. Mr. Bates responded that he currently has no use for the parcels. He also mentioned that he cannot comment on the status of the cement plant property that resides in the City of Rochester.

Mr. Hartner distributed the property nomination form submitted by Mr. Bates,

the preliminary scoring and various maps of each parcel to Board members for their review. The parcels were preliminarily scored on their own individual merit based on data the City currently has on file. The preliminary scores may be adjusted as GSAB determines necessary after walking the parcels.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of the parcels. Parcel 15-15-404-002 appears to be mostly wetlands. Accessibility to the two parcels is mainly off the Clinton River Trail. Mr. Hartner requested that Mr. Bates supply a contact name and phone number to request permission to access the property for a site visit.

Mr. Bates has owned the property for approximately two (2) years and reported that Fidelity Bank has performed an environmental investigation and is not aware of any findings. Mr. Hinkley stated that Fidelity Bank took over the property as a deed in lieu of a foreclosure. Fidelity Bank has joint ownership with Mr. Bates. The bank is interested in marketing and liquidating the property as quickly as possible.

Chairperson Windscheif stated that the GSAB process may not be considered expeditious and the bank can market the property. However, if circumstances change, it was requested that Mr. Bates and Mr. Hinkley notify GSAB as soon as possible. They concurred.

GSAB expressed appreciation to Mr. Bates and Mr. Hinkley for the property nomination.

The Board consensus was to schedule site visits for Thursday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m to allow all GSAB members the opportunity to walk the parcels. The item will be discussed further at the September 22nd GSAB meeting.

This matter was Discussed

2009-0336 Discussion regarding GSAB logo

Mr. Hartner distributed copies of suggested logo designs. A GSAB logo would be very useful to identify open space parcels, show residents that their tax dollars are at work, and build awareness for stewardship. The Board discussed logo ideas. The consensus was to ask the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) if they might be interested in sponsoring a contest to design a suitable logo that would represent the GSAB vision.

Member McGoldrick volunteered to champion the request to RHGYC and supply the necessary criteria and information.

This matter was Discussed

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Windscheif opened the floor for discussion regarding GSAB staggered terms. He reminded the Board that there are six (6) terms to expire on December 31, 2010. In November, 2008, Council approved GSAB's

recommendation, for better continuity, to take any three (3) of the six (6) terms and extend them to December 2012. A fair process needs to be developed to determine which three (3) terms which will be recommended to City Council in December 2009. This item will be discussed further at the September 22nd GSAB meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Windscheif adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2009 Regular Green Space Advisory Committee Meeting.

William Windscheif, Chairperson