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**City of Rochester Hills
Green Space Advisory Board**

BYLAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I: TITLE

Section 1.

The title of the Board shall be the “Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB)”

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The Board shall consist of seven (7) voting members and four (4) ex officio members.

Section 2

a. Voting Members:

1. The seven (7) voting members shall be residents of the City of Rochester Hills and be appointed by City Council to three-year terms except for the initial appointments which will be staggered; four (4) members will be appointed to two-year terms and three (3) members to three-year terms, resulting in subsequent appointments occurring in alternate years.
2. Members shall not be paid officials or paid directors of organizations or groups whose responsibilities deal with land conservation or trail systems such as the Clinton River Watershed, Oakland Land Conservancy, Paint Creek Trailways Commission, etc.

- b. The four (4) Ex Officio Members shall be the City Assessor or his/her Designee, the City Parks/Forestry Director or his/her designee, the City Surveyor or his/her designee and one (1) City Council Member appointed by City Council to a one-year term each December.

ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

The Green Space Advisory Board shall have the mission of developing strategies and recommendations to City Council regarding the expenditure of millage funds for permanently preserving natural green spaces, wildlife habitats and scenic views; protecting woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams; and expanding the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors.

ARTICLE IV. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

The Green Space Advisory Board shall serve solely in an advisory capacity. The Board may make recommendations to the City Council but may not assume the legislative or administrative authority of the City Council, the Mayor or any City Department.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1.

The Board, at its first meeting of each year, shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Each shall serve until January 1 of the following year or until a successor is elected and assumes office.

Section 2.

In the event an office becomes vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, the Board shall elect an officer to serve the remainder of the term.

Section 3.

Chairperson

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The Chairperson shall have all of the powers granted in these rules and bylaws. The Chairperson shall have the powers and duties generally inherent in the office of President or Chairperson of an organization. The Chairperson shall make reports as needed to the City Council, Mayor and other Boards Commissions and Committees.

Section 4.

Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and at such times shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the Chairperson.

Section 5.

Secretary

The City Clerk or his/her designee, shall serve as the Secretary of the Board and keep written records of all procedures, actions, and correspondence of the Board and shall send notices of meetings, information and materials to the members.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Board, at its first meeting of each year, shall set the date, time and place of regular meetings of the Committee.

Section 2.

- a. Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the Chairperson or by the written request of three (3) voting members.
- b. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to all Board members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the meeting.

Section 3.

All meetings shall be open to the public and shall be preceded by notice in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, as amended.

Section 4.

In parliamentary matters, the most recent version of *Roberts Rules of Order* shall govern.

ARTICLE VII: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1.

The order of business for meetings shall be:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call & Determination of Quorum
- Approval of Minutes
- Communications
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Any Other Business
- Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM AND VOTING

For the transaction of ordinary business at any regular meeting or special meeting, four members shall constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board present shall be required in order to take action.

ARTICLE IX: OPERATING PROCEDURE

Green Space Advisory Board Guidelines For Operating Procedure are as follows:

1. All recommendations regarding the expenditure of millage funds are to be brought forward in the form of a written report document with supporting documents
2. Report may include, when deemed relevant, recommendations from the following:
 - Financial Services Committee
 - Leisure Activities Committee
 - Community Development & Viability Committee
 - Planning Commission
3. Prior to approving any recommendation for expenditure of millage funds, the City Council shall conduct a Public Hearing regarding the report document recommendation in order to obtain comments from residents of the community.
4. Input and recommendations from the public hearing shall be reviewed by the Board and become a part of the final report document submitted to Council for approval.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1.

- a. The Board may create ad-hoc committees, as it may deem necessary to expedite its work. The Board shall appoint members of ad-hoc committees with the approval of four (4) voting members of the Board.
- b. If the Board determines the need to create an ad-hoc committee, the Board shall establish the following by resolution.
 1. Charge/responsibility of the ad-hoc committee.
 2. Expected results, including, but not limited to, time line.
 3. Membership, including number of members, solicitation of members and qualifications of members.

4. Term of appointment.
5. Administrative staff involvement requested.

ARTICLE X1: AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

These Bylaws may be changed or added to by the City Council. The Board may at any time recommend additions, deletions or changes by affirmative vote of at least four (4) voting members of the Board.