



# Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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## Green Space Advisory Board

*Chairperson Gerald Carvey, Vice Chairperson Tim Gauthier*  
*Members: Thomas Dohr, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips, Beth Tilove*  
*Council Member Adam Kochenderfer*  
*Youth Representatives: Pranita Balusu, Alexis Smith, Michelle Thorpe*

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Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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### RESCHEDULED MEETING FROM 9/25/12

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips and Beth Tilove

**Absent** 1 - Thomas Dohr

*Non-Voting Members Present: Adam Kochenderfer and Michelle Thorpe*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Pranita Balusu, Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, Roger Moore, and Alexis Smith*

*Others Present: Ms. Danielle Shurkus, resident of Rochester Hills, and Mr. Brooks Williamson, a wetlands environmental consultant for the parcel nominations on Adams and Tienken Roads.*

*Committee Members Dohr, Dawson, Hartner, Moore, and Smith provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2012-0341 Regular Meeting - August 28, 2012

**Attachments:** [08-28-12 GSAB Draft minutes.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Tilove, seconded by Peterson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 8 - Carvey, Gauthier, Graham, Graves, Loeb, Peterson, Phillips and Tilove

**Absent** 1 - Dohr

**Resolved** that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2012, as presented.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*None at this time.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Chairperson Carvey acknowledged there were guests present. Ms. Danielle Shurkus, Rochester Hills resident, and Mr. Brooks Williamson, a wetlands environmental consultant for the nominated parcels on Adams and Tienken Roads were in attendance.*

*Chairperson Carvey and Vice Chairperson Gauthier briefly explained the purpose of the Green Space Advisory Board and the scoring process on nominated parcels.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2008-0130** GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

**2008-0131** GSAB Communication, Promotion & Education Sub-Committee

*None at this time.*

**Discussed**

**2008-0132** GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

**2012-0317** Review Clinton River valley 1, parcel #15-15-426-001

**Attachments:** [07-16-09 Nomination form.pdf](#)

*Background note: The Clinton River valley 1 parcel was originally scored at the September 22, 2009 GSAB meeting.*

*Chairperson Carvey noted this parcel was re-scored by the current board at the August 28, 2012 GSAB meeting. He suggested that the Board wait until the next GSAB meeting to decide on a recommendation due to environmental concerns and to have the administrative representatives present. The Board concurred.*

**Discussed**

2012-0315 Review and score - 884 Adams Road N, parcel #15-08-100-005

**Attachments:** [09-01-06 Nomination form.pdf](#)

*Background note: The 884 Adams Road N parcel was walked by the current Board on July 31, 2012.*

*The Board proceeded with the evaluation and scoring process as outlined in the Natural Features Inventory Criteria. The parcel score for 884 Adams Road N totaled 25. The breakdown was as follows:*

- A. Water Resources = 9
- B. Habitat Protection = 5
- C. Recreational/Historical Value = 12
- D. Other Factors = 0
- E. Adverse Factors = -1

*The consensus was to conduct the scoring process for each of the subsequent parcels listed on the agenda before beginning discussions.*

*After the scoring process was completed for each of the subsequent parcels on the agenda, the following points were noted:*

- \* *Parcel number 15-08-100-005 (884 Adams Road N) and 15-08-100-004 (950 Adams Road N) have significant value due to their location on the north side of Nowicki Park.*
- \* *These two parcels would provide an attractive buffer to Nowicki Park and may add value to the surrounding subdivision properties. They also provide a wonderful wildlife habitat due to the high quality wetlands.*
- \* *However, both parcels contain existing residential homes which resulted in the negative 1 score under Adverse Factors based on the relationship of the structure to the parcel size. The structures pose questions regarding possible land divisions and/or costs incurred for removal.*

*After much discussion, the Board concluded that it is their charge to recommend valuable parcels for green space preservation to the City Council and leave the questions regarding possible land divisions and/or costs to remove existing structures to the administration. The Board expressed overall support toward recommendation, however, since the GSAB administrative representatives were not able to attend this meeting, the consensus was to continue the discussion at the October 23, 2012 GSAB meeting when they would be present.*

**Discussed**

2012-0318 Review and score - 950 Adams Road N, parcel #15-08-100-004

**Attachments:** [08-21-12 nomination form.pdf](#)

*Background note: The 950 Adams Road N parcel was walked by the current Board on September 17, 2012.*

*The Board proceeded with the evaluation and scoring process as outlined in the Natural Features Inventory Criteria. The parcel score for 950 Adams Road N totaled 19. The breakdown was as follows:*

- A. Water Resources = 9*
- B. Habitat Protection = 3*
- C. Recreational/Historical Value = 6*
- D. Other Factors = 2*
- E. Adverse Factors = -1*

*The following points were noted:*

*\* Parcel number 15-08-100-005 (884 Adams Road N) and 15-08-100-004 (950 Adams Road N) have significant value due to their location on the north side of Nowicki Park.*

*\* These two parcels would provide an attractive buffer to Nowicki Park and may add value to the surrounding subdivision properties. They also provide a wonderful wildlife habitat due to the high quality wetlands.*

*\* However, both parcels contain existing residential homes which resulted in the negative 1 score under Adverse Factors based on the relationship of the structure to the parcel size. The structures pose questions regarding possible land divisions and/or costs incurred for removal.*

*After much discussion, the Board concluded that it is their charge to recommend valuable parcels for green space preservation to the City Council and leave the questions regarding possible land divisions and/or costs to remove existing structures to the administration. The Board expressed overall support toward recommendation, however, since the GSAB administrative representatives were not able to attend this meeting, the consensus was to continue the discussion at the October 23, 2012 GSAB meeting when they would be present.*

#### **Discussed**

**2012-0319** Review and score - 974 Adams Road N, parcel #15-08-100-021

**Attachments:** [08-21-12 nomination form.pdf](#)

*Background note: The 974 Adams Road N parcel was walked by the current Board on September 17, 2012.*

*The Board proceeded with the evaluation and scoring process as outlined in the Natural Features Inventory Criteria. The parcel score for 974 Adams Road N totaled 1. The breakdown was as follows:*

- A. Water Resources = 0*
- B. Habitat Protection = 0*

- C. Recreational/Historical Value = 6
- D. Other Factors = 0
- E. Adverse Factors = -5

The parcel contains an existing residential structure which resulted in the negative 5 score under Adverse Factors based on the relationship of the structure to the lot size.

Overall, there was no Board support for recommendation. However, since the GSAB administrative representatives were not able to attend this meeting, the consensus was to continue the discussion at the October 23, 2012 GSAB meeting when they would be present.

#### **Discussed**

**2012-0320** Review and score - 2965 Tienken Road W, parcel #15-08-100-002

**Attachments:** [08-21-12 nomination form.pdf](#)

*Background note:* The 2965 Tienken Road W parcel was walked by the current Board on September 17, 2012.

The Board proceeded with the evaluation and scoring process as outlined in the Natural Features Inventory Criteria. The parcel score for 2965 Tienken Road W totaled 1. The breakdown was as follows:

- A. Water Resources = 0
- B. Habitat Protection = 0
- C. Recreational/Historical Value = 6
- D. Other Factors = 0
- E. Adverse Factors = -5

The parcel contains an existing residential structure which resulted in the negative 5 score under Adverse Factors based on the relationship of the structure to the lot size.

Overall, there was no Board support for recommendation. However, since the GSAB administrative representatives were not able to attend this meeting, the consensus was to continue the discussion at the October 23, 2012 GSAB meeting when they would be present.

#### **Discussed**

**2008-0133** GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Member Peterson gave an update on the fall stewardship project which is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2012. It will take place on the Harding Road green space parcel. The start time has been changed to 10 a.m. and will last about 2 to 3 hours. Members will meet behind the professional offices located on Livernois Road. It was suggested that volunteers bring gloves. Naturalist Ranger Lance DeVoe will operate the chain saw.

*It was suggested to contact Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry regarding a sign to display in the targeted area to inform the public of the project while it is taking place. Mr. Hartner's staff will post the appropriate special notice of the event.*

*For the benefit of the public present, Member Peterson explained that the Stewardship subcommittee had conducted pilot projects to rid invasives and determine what can be done in a specific time frame so that if funds can be released for a stewardship program, GSAB will have an idea of what can be accomplished. The fall stewardship project targets autumn olive and buckthorn, while the spring stewardship project targeted garlic mustard.*

**Discussed**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*None at this time.*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None at this time.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The fall stewardship pilot project will be Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 10 a.m.*

*The next Regular GSAB meeting will be Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

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*Gerald Carvey, Chairperson*