



# 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*

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Tuesday, January 27, 2009

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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### CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Windscheif called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, William Windscheif, Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke and Laura Douglas

**Absent** 1 - Lynn Loeb

*Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner, Roger Moore, Amith Nagesh*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson, Ravi Yalamanchi, Aly Difilippo*

*Others Present: Doug Walther, Deputy Director, Assessing*

*Committee Member Loeb provided previous notice she would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*None were presented.*

### COMMUNICATIONS

*Chairperson Windscheif reported a communication from Mr. Bob Johns, representing the Cloverport property. Mr. Johns reconfirmed his strong desire to re-open discussions with City Administration regarding the acquisition of the Cloverport property with Green Space Millage funds. Chairperson Windscheif will contact Mayor Bryan Barnett to follow-up.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Chairperson Windscheif introduced Mr. Richard Schoenherr and Mr. Jesse Kranz, officers with Elro Corporation. They are the developers of Clear Creek Subdivisions, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. They recently nominated a 50 acre parcel within Clear Creek No. 5. for acquisition by Green Space Millage funds.*

*Mr. Schoenherr described the parcel as a natural open space, having approximately 2000 trees, 16 acres of wetlands and a stream. The parcel could be developed into approximately 50 residential sites. The primary motivation for the nomination is to determine whether the City has an interest in the parcel. Participation in matching grants was briefly discussed.*

*Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry explained the initial scoring and property maps that were distributed to GSAB members prior to the meeting. The landowners have given permission for GSAB members to walk the property. Discussion followed regarding the parcel's infrastructure and wetland designations.*

*Chairperson Windscheif relayed appreciation for the nomination. He recapped the evaluation process after which GSAB will determine whether to recommend acquisition to City Council. It is an open process and all are invited to participate.*

*Chairperson Windscheif acknowledged that Ms. Alice Benbow, Rochester Hills resident, joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Member Leo Oriet entered at 7:25 p.m.*

*Chairperson Windscheif welcomed new GSAB members Laura Douglas and Linda Raschke.*

*Member McGoldrick reported on the January 2009 Natural Area Advisory Group meeting. Representatives attended from the DNR and various parks departments. A major focus was on value that parks, trails and open space add to communities especially in a down economy. Ms. McGoldrick also distributed information regarding grants.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

*Chairperson Windscheif reported that the sub-committee has not met other than to set the GSAB agenda. It was suggested to present a proclamation to former member Pam Wallace to express appreciation for her service.*

**This matter was Discussed**

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

*Vice Chairperson Funk reported the Eccentric and Community Lifestyles newspapers are interested in writing articles about GSAB.*

**This matter was Discussed**

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

*Member Gauthier distributed an updated internal log that tracks progress on nominated and acquired open space properties.*

*Mr. Gauthier distributed a revised presentation for the Yates north section parcel nomination that included changes from the last discussion. Chairperson Windscheif recapped, for new members, the progress regarding the north Yates property that has been nominated, reviewed and scored.*

*The consensus was for members to email comments regarding the presentation to Mr. Gauthier by February 6th. Members Gauthier, Windscheif and Funk will finalize the presentation with a goal of appearing before City Council at a March meeting.*

**This matter was Discussed**

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

*Member Carvey distributed a revised Stewardship presentation which was reviewed at length. The discussion included:*

*\* A draft resolution recommending that City Council sanction a stewardship program. The plan can be the framework explaining what a stewardship program should be with the details worked out later.*

*\* The costs of a stewardship program may be two-fold: one cost is to develop a plan and one cost is to implement a plan annually with sustainable funding.*

*\* The original City Council resolution establishing GSAB referred to 'maintaining' green space.*

*It was suggested that the City's web page could contain a list of community service opportunities for volunteers who could choose stewardship activities which would help to contain costs and provide students a means to meet required community service hours.*

*The consensus was the Stewardship presentation would take priority with a goal of moving it forward to City Council in late February to gain publicity from the new city-wide recycling program being launched in April. The recycle program includes a non-profit fund for Green Space Stewardship whereby points can be donated and transferred to dollars to be used for a Stewardship program. The sub-committee was commended for a job well done.*

**This matter was Discussed**

*[Member Raschke exited at 8:14 p.m.]*

**Present** 7 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, William Windscheif, Dahlvin Peterson and Laura Douglas

**Absent** 2 - Lynn Loebis and Linda Raschke

**2009-0033** Discussion regarding Clear Creek No. 5 property

*A presentation by the developers of Clear Creek No. 5 was noted under **Public Comment** in this agenda. Mr. Hartner will set up a site visit when the weather permits.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2007-0753** Update regarding any nominated properties

*The Yates property was discussed under **Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee** in this agenda. No other updates were noted at this time.*

**This matter was Discussed**

*[Doug Walther, Deputy Assessor, exited. Time not noted.]*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2009-0027** Election of GSAB Chairperson - 2009

**Attachments:** [Chairperson Nomination Form.pdf](#)

*Chairperson Windscheif opened the floor for nominations.*

*Member Carvey nominated himself. Member Douglas nominated Mr. Windscheif.*

*Chairperson Windscheif closed the floor for nominations.*

*Votes for Mr. Carvey: Carvey*

*Votes for Mr. Windscheif: Douglas, Funk, Gauthier, McGoldrick, Peterson, Windscheif*

*Mr. Windscheif was appointed Chairperson for 2009.*

**This matter was Approved**

**2009-0028** Election of GSAB Vice Chairperson - 2009

**Attachments:** [Vice Chairperson Nomination Form.pdf](#)

*Chairperson Windscheif opened the floor for nominations.*

*Member Douglas nominated Mr. Funk.*

*Chairperson Windscheif closed the floor for nominations.*

*A unanimous ballot was cast and Mr. Funk was appointed Vice Chairperson for 2009.*

*Member Gauthier volunteered to be a note-taker again for 2009. The board*

*thanked him for his work in 2008.*

**This matter was Approved**

**2009-0038** Review Membership to Sub-committees

*The current sub-committee structure was reviewed. The membership list will be updated where needed.*

*Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee: Windscheif will remain the lead with Funk, Hartner, and Yalamanchi.*

*Communication, Promotion & Media Sub-Committee: Funk will remain the lead with Peterson and Oriet.*

*Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee: Gauthier will remain the lead with Carvey and McGoldrick.*

*Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee: Carvey will remain the lead with Douglas, Loeb, Peterson and Oriet.*

*Chairperson Windscheif will contact Member Raschke to discuss her preference.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2009-0029** Adopt GSAB Meeting Schedule - 2009

*Attachments: [Memo re 2009 Meeting Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Resolution-2009 Meeting Sch.pdf](#)*

*The Board was in agreement to continue meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month in 2009, with the exception of November and December due to the holidays.*

**A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by McGoldrick, that this matter be Approved.**

**The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 7 - Funk, Carvey, Gauthier, McGoldrick, Windscheif, Peterson and Douglas

**Absent** 2 - Loeb and Raschke

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board establish their 2009 Meeting Schedule as the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Michigan time, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan, Oakland County; with the understanding that any meeting dates conflicting with holidays or elections will be rescheduled as needed. 2009 meeting dates are: February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 17, December 15, 2009.

Further Resolved that the meeting schedule will be posted in accordance with the Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*None presented.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*- Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Windscheif adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

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

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*William Windscheif, Chairperson*