



# Rochester Hills Minutes

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## Community Development & Viability Committee

*Ed Anzek, Bryan Barnett, Scott Cope, Frank Cosenza, Barbara Holder, Jim Duistermars,  
Michael Kaszubski, Erin Mozer, Roger Rousse, Katie Talbert, Mark Witte*

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Thursday, May 26, 2005

5:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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### CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Barnett called the Community Development & Viability Committee meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Bryan Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Frank Cosenza and Michael Kaszubski

*Non-Voting Members Present: Scott Cope, Roger Rousse and Mark Witte*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Ed Anzek, Erin Mozer and Katie Talbert*

*Others Present: Open Space Preservation Ad-Hoc Committee*

*Committee Member Ed Anzek provided previous notice he would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*None Presented*

### COMMUNICATIONS

### NEW BUSINESS

**2005-0327**

Report from Open Space Preservation Ad-Hoc Committee - Paul Funk, Chairperson

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; Email Funk P 061505.pdf; Agenda Summary 060105.pdf; Agenda Summary 050405.pdf; Memo Galeczka.pdf; Memo Jenuwine and Millage Revenue.pdf; 0327 Resolution.pdf

*Paul Funk, Chairperson of Open Space Preservation Ad-hoc Committee, provided an update on Open Space Preservation.*

*\* Ad-hoc Committee's goal is to protect and preserve green spaces and habitat, scenic views, woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams and expand Clinton River Green Way and other Trail Corridors.*

*\* Ad-hoc Committee has been working towards promoting a positive campaign within the community by performing neighborhood walk through, phone calls and side discussions.*

*CDV Committee members reviewed the proposed ballot language for Open Space issue and discussed the following:*

- \* After extensive research of State wide and Nation wide proposals, rules and laws, the Ad-hoc Committee concluded that there is still greater recognition by the common citizen with the term "Green Space" as opposed to "Open Space".*
- \* Committee felt in respect to other critical needs in the community that a proposed millage of .3 would be sufficient and explainable to the community.*
- \* The 0.3 mils constitutes a (40%) forty percent decrease from last years 0.5 mils Open Space Millage proposal.*
- \* A non-tax solution would be to solicit conservation easements by identifying properties, talking with the actual land owner, educating and soliciting their support on providing an easement.*
- \* Committee feels that there is great opportunity for community discussions and educational forums regarding the Clinton River Green Way and what are some of the better properties.*
- \* Committee stated that they are not "anti development" and will not bring forward any "anti development" language.*

*Committee discussed the Financial aspect of millage and how a 0.3 mil would impact a household.*

*In response to the Committee's questions, Mr. Funk acknowledged that he expects John Staran, City Attorney, to confirm statutory requirements.*

*Committee recommended that the proposed "Green Space Land Authority" ballot language move on to City Council.*

*Mr. Duistermars stated that he did not see this as all residents having a particular interest in Open Space Preservation.*

*Ms. Holder disagreed and stated that Open Space Preservation has been an issue with residents for a long period of time.*

**A motion was made by Holder, seconded by Kaszubski, that this matter be Approved and Referred to the City Council Regular Meeting.**

**RESOLVED: That the Community Development Committee recommends that City Council consider the placement of the Green Space Land Authority Millage proposal on the August Primary Election.**

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

**Aye:** Barnett, Holder, Cosenza and Kaszubski  
**Nay:** Duistermars

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2005-0300

Discussion regarding Conservation Easements

**Attachments:** Memo to CDV Conservation Easement 106(ver2).pdf; Memo Roger Conservation Easements.pdf; Info Packet Conservation Easements.pdf; Oakland Land Conservancy Proposal.pdf

*Roger Rousse, Director of DPS, presented to the Committee information regarding Conservation Easement encroachments noting the following:*

- \* *City's current Conservation Easement inventory totals forty seven (47).*
- \* *Further research is needed to locate and document all Conservation Easements.*
- \* *Encroachments range from small buildings, soil replacement, mowed grass, planted trees, sandboxes to large encroachments such as a swimming pool.*
- \* *The question is who responsible for enforcing the Conservation Easements.*

*Committee discussed the possibility of creating or amending part of the Ordinance to obtain enforcement authority.*

*Mr. Funk stated that if the Conservation Easement has been encroached upon and is deemed to be left alone, then the City is responsible to enforce.*

*Mr. Rousse explained that Ownership of a Conservation Easement is initially owned by the Developer. Once the subdivision is established, the ownership of the Conservation Easement is transferred to the Homeowners Association.*

*Committee member mentioned Conservation Easements should be recorded on the Deed.*

*Member Duistermars suggested that there be a way to designate the property line so residents know where their property ends.*

*Mr. Rousse indicated he would need staff and equipment to do boundary surveys to identify these locations.*

*Consensus of Committee is to have the Administration continue to research this issue and place it on a future meeting agenda.*

### **Discussed**

2005-0337

2005 DPS Replacement Equipment - Loader and Flail Mower

**Attachments:** DPS Replacement for 121, 35.pdf

*Roger Rousse, Director of DPS, provided the proposed 2005 DPS Replacement Equipment as follows:*

*Committee members discussed the Proposal of purchasing one (1) multi-purpose vehicle vs. purchasing two (2) individual purpose vehicles.*

- \* *Combining these vehicles into one (1) saves approximately \$33,000.*
- \* *Combination vehicle will be utilized to a greater extent annually.*

*Consensus of Committee members to approve this purchase.*

**A motion was made by Duistermars, seconded by Kaszubski, that this matter be Approved and Referred to the City Council Regular Meeting.**

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

**Aye:** Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Cosenza and Kaszubski

## **YOUTH COMMENTS**

*None Presented*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None Presented*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*June 23, 2005*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Barnett adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Sue Busam*