



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

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carvey called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Gerald Carvey, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Dahlvin Peterson and Beth Tilove

Absent 4 - Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loeb and Samantha Phillips

Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner, Adam Kochenderfer, and Michelle Thorpe

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

Others Present: Ms. Sandy Niks

Committee Members Dohr, Gauthier, Loeb, Phillips, Dawson, and Moore provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2013-0206 Regular Meeting - April 23, 2013

Attachments: [04-23-13 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Aye 5 - Carvey, Graham, Graves, Peterson and Tilove

Absent 4 - Dohr, Gauthier, Loeb and Phillips

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes

the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2013 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Carvey distributed an up updated internal member contact list.

Youth Representative, Michelle Thorpe, was presented with a proclamation of appreciation from GSAB. She recently graduated from Rochester Adams High School and has served on GSAB for four years. She was very dedicated to the mission of GSAB and served on the Steering Committee for the April 2011 and May 2012 Discovery Hikes. Board members expressed their thanks and appreciation to Ms. Thorpe and wished her much success in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Carvey acknowledged that Ms. Sandy Nix was present.

Comments were made regarding the results of the spring stewardship project that was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 on the Harding Road Property. The project targeted the removal of garlic mustard on the Harding Road green space parcel. It was noted that the project went well and improvements can be seen. Comments were also noted under File #2008-0133.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

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

No report at this time.

Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Results of spring stewardship project held Saturday, May 18, 2013

The project targeted the removal of garlic mustard on the Harding Road green space parcel. It was noted that the project went well and improvements can be

seen. Comments were also noted under Public Comment.

Discussed

2012-0443 Discuss Stewardship Management Plan

1.) Define property inventory: (Members Carvey, Gauthier, Hartner, Moore, Balusu)

Chairperson Carvey noted no report at this time.

2.) Define stewardship for Rochester Hills and develop a mission statement: (Members Tilove, Graves, Peterson, Dohr, Thorpe)

As noted in the February 26 and March 26, 2013 minutes, the Board consensus for the definition of stewardship was as follows: "Stewardship is the responsible managing of land to protect, conserve, and enhance biodiversity and natural features, for the benefit of current and future generations."

As noted in the April 23, 2013 minutes, the Board unanimously supported the mission statement as follows: "It is the mission of the Rochester Hills' Green Space Advisory Board to enhance our community through the preservation and stewardship of natural features."

Member Peterson presented a draft vision and value statement that could be used as a preamble when making a presentation to City Council to suggest expanding the use of the millage fund to include stewardship management.

Chairperson Carvey suggested that the presentation also include the idea of acquiring open space parcels outside the City's boundaries if any valuable parcels would become available.

Discussion included some pros and cons of acquiring open space parcels outside the boundaries of Rochester Hills as well as the importance of designing a solid presentation to City Council. Not only would it protect and preserve natural features and remove invasive species on the City's open spaces but could also enhance the Clinton River running through Rochester Hills, which is a premiere natural feature. A concern was noted regarding the expansion of GSAB's mission and that it could be construed as too big of a foot print.

The Board examined the original ballot language for the green space millage that was passed by voters in 2005. If City Council expands the mission of GSAB to include stewardship, then the voters would be asked to approve a ballot question that would repurpose existing green space funds to allow stewardship expenses. Residents would need to be convinced that it is in their best interest to allow the City to enact a stewardship management plan to protect the natural environment which would also enhance the economic value of their homes.

Members reviewed the draft vision and value points and made suggestions.

Member Peterson will incorporate the suggestions and present a revised draft at

the July meeting for continued discussion.

3.) Research what other communities have done regarding stewardship and how to measure results: (Members Loeb, Phillips, Graham, Smith)

No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No report at this time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No report at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2013 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Gerald Carvey, Chairperson