



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes

### Green Space Advisory Board

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Jack Robinson, Orfeh Vahabzadeh, Pamela Wallace, William Windscheif*

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Tuesday, September 25, 2007

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Carvey called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:05 PM.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Funk, Carvey, Gauthier, Wallace and Windscheif

**Absent** 2 - McGoldrick and Robinson

*Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner, Roger Moore and Ravi Yalamanchi*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson*

*Others Present: Mr. Andy Krupp*

*Committee Members McGoldrick and Robinson provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**2007-0525** Regular Meeting - June 26, 2007

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2007 as presented

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

**Aye** 5 - Windscheif, Wallace, Gauthier, Funk and Carvey

**Absent** 2 - Robinson and McGoldrick

**2007-0651** Regular Meeting - August 28, 2007

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2007 as presented

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

**Aye** 5 - Windscheif, Wallace, Gauthier, Funk and Carvey

**Absent** 2 - Robinson and McGoldrick

## COMMUNICATIONS

*None.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2007-0526

Update regarding three (3) property acquisitions: East Childress, West Childress, 1460 Mead Road

*Chairperson Carvey requested an update from Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, regarding the status on the three (3) parcels that were approved for purchase. Mr. Hartner reported that ASTI, Inc, an environmental firm, is performing a Phase 1 review in order to determine if a Phase II review is needed. Earnest money deposits were made and escrow agreements were established.*

*Mr. Hartner met with a representative from the Trust for Public Land (TFPL) to discuss and tour the Mead property. TFPL will purchase the property and pay off land owner. The City will apply for a grant to purchase the property from TFPL. A suggestion was made to seek legal opinion on whether there is a vehicle in place to further protect the properties with deed restrictions. It was also suggested that the City should have the ability to grant an easement for some public utility purpose, i.e. water, sewer, especially on the Mead property. Mr. Hartner will follow-up with the City Attorney, John Staran.*

### 2007-0056

GSAB Work Plan for 2007-2008

*The City has received a nomination form from the owners of the Harding property. The owners of the Rochdale property have a form. Ms. Pat Pettito, Property Acquisition Agent, has had contact with a daughter of the White property.*

*Member Funk reported concerns that Ms. Pettito's work schedule does not seem to allow meeting times conducive for him and Member Windscheif to meet with the three property owners. Mr. Hartner commented that Ms. Pettito has handled a large volume of work up to this point and will contact her to set up a joint appointment with the White family in the near future.*

*After much discussion of the 2007-2008 work plan, the group consensus was to focus on the acquisition of the three properties, namely Harding, Rochdale and White while keeping all the properties previously reviewed on a potential list. If a call is received for a new property to be considered, the owner would be given a nomination form to submit to GSAB.*

*Chairperson Carvey suggested that Members Funk, Wallace and Moore could review 2007-2008 Work Plan for changes or additions to be discussed at the October GSAB meeting.*

*Mr. Hartner will ask the appropriate City staff to review the steep slope ordinance and how it will affect the new properties.*

### 2007-0671

Request for modification of the Green Space Property Interest Acquisition Process (PIAP)

Resolved that paragraph eight of the Property Interest Acquisition Process be modified to eliminate all but the first three sentences and resubmit the modification to Rochester Hills City Council for adoption.

*The members reviewed the current Property Interest Acquisition Process (PIAP) namely paragraph eight that speaks to the use of appraisals to obtain a fair market value for the City. After discussion, it was suggested that paragraph eight be modified to contain the following sentences:*

**" 8. Council Approval:** *For those properties approved for further study by the City Council the next step would be an appraisal. A state licensed, MAI certified appraiser shall be selected for each requested appraisal. The City's standard purchasing procedure shall be followed in obtaining appraiser/s."*

*The modification shall be forwarded to a future City Council meeting for adoption.*

**A motion was made by Windscheif, seconded by Gauthier, that this matter be Recommended for Approval to the City Council Liaison. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Windscheif, Wallace, Gauthier, Funk and Carvey

**Absent** 2 - Robinson and McGoldrick

### Sub Committee Reports

[2007-0161](#) GSAB Report Writing Sub-Committee

*No report at this time.*

[2007-0178](#) GSAB Promotion & Media Sub-Committee

*Mr. Funk reported that the press release done by Chairperson Carvey on the donation of property by the Tocco family went very well. There will be press releases done at the appropriate time as the next three (3) parcels are acquired.*

[2007-0179](#) GSAB Grant Writing Sub-Committee

*No report at this time.*

[2007-0180](#) GSAB Visionary Sub-Committee

*Chairperson Carvey presented an idea of reviewing properties such as the Mead Road property, to determine if there might be an opportunity to use a portion as green space and a portion as a park with the park portion being purchased with other City funds. The method could stretch the green space funds so that more green space properties could be acquired. The portion of land that does not have the most desirable features as green space, but would be ideal as park land adjacent to green space, could then be added to the City's park system if there were city dollars available.*

*The Board discussed a number of pros and cons with regard to the original intent of acquiring green space properties, the definition of open space and public perception, and the availability for city funds to purchase land for more parks. The idea may be discussed further at a future meeting.*

**2007-0181** GSAB Stewardship Sub-Committee

*Chairperson Carvey reported that the sub-committee will meet to outline a procedure for how stewardship could take place on acquired parcels and provide an update at the October GSAB meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None at this time.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None at this time.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007 - 7:00 PM.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

*Minutes were approved as presented at the November 27, 2007 Regular GSAB Meeting.*

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*Gerald Carvey, Chairperson*