



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

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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, William Windscheif, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke and Laura Douglas

Absent 1 - Lorraine McGoldrick

Non-Voting Members Present: Aly Difilippo, Mike Hartner, Roger Moore, Amith Nagesh (entered 7:07 p.m.), and Ravi Yalamanchi

Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson and Leo Oriet

Others Present: Doug Walther, Deputy Assessor; Jesse Kranz, Vice President, Elro Corporation; David McQuarrie, Rochester High School student; Melinda Hill, Rochester Hills resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2009-0167 Regular Meeting - March 24, 2009

Attachments: [032409 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Carvey, that this matter be Approved. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Funk, Carvey, Gauthier, Windscheif, Loeb, Peterson, Raschke and Douglas

Absent 1 - McGoldrick

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2009 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Windscheif reported that the Administration is working on making the Stewardship fund available as a donation option online for the Reycle Bank program.

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, distributed a newly created brochure from Oakland County regarding the impact of green space on the economy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Windscheif announced that the following people were in attendance: Mr. David McQuarrie, Rochester High School student, Ms. Melinda Hill, Rochester Hills resident, and Mr. Jesse Kranz, Vice President, Elro Corporation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

This matter was Discussed

[Member Amith Nagesh entered 7:07 p.m.]

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

Member Funk reported having conversations with the editor of the Suburban Lifestyle and will submit an article about GSAB after the Stewardship presentation to Council.

It also suggested to submit articles to the Rochester Eccentric before May 31, 2009, which is the last printed edition; the Oakland Press, and the Rochester Post after the Stewardship presentation to City Council. It was noted that the printed editions of the Rochester Hills Herald will be discontinued and become available online after May, 2009.

Member Peterson offered to outline Earth Day activities for 2010 to represent GSAB.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

Member Gauthier had nothing to report. Discussion commenced regarding the City's efforts to obtain land acquisition grants. Today's economic market appears to be a better time to more actively search for matching grants because of it being a "buyer's market".

Chairperson Windscheif will invite Mayor Barnett to a future GSAB meeting to

discuss the City's strategy on obtaining land acquisition grants.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Members Carvey and Loebbs will make a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Stewardship program to City Council on Monday, May 4, 2009. Conducting a baseline assessment of physical features of acquired open space properties is a big step in a Stewardship program.

Members noted that the City of Rochester Hills, with its desirable parks, open space and passive recreation, was named as one of the top 100 U.S. cities in 2009 in which people wish to live.

It was noted that the City Attorney's opinion regarding the use of the Green Space millage fund for a Stewardship program also included the support staff time needed to prepare GSAB agendas and minutes, etc. and would be charged to the Green Space Millage fund.

This matter was Discussed

[Member McGoldrick entered at 7:37 p.m.]

Present 9 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, William Windscheif, Lynn Loebbs, Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke and Laura Douglas

2009-0033 Discussion regarding Clear Creek No. 5 property

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf
Nomination form & prel platt.pdf
Clear Creek No. 5 presentation.pdf

The Board reviewed and evaluated the nominated parcel as outlined on the Natural Features Criteria. The score totaled 50 and was based on 56 acres. The breakdown was as follows:

- A. Water Resources = 14*
- B. Habitat Protection = 14*
- C. Recreational/Historical Value = 15*
- D. Other Factors = 7*
- E. Adverse Factors = 0*

The following points were noted:

** The score was based on the 56 acre parcel as nominated. Consideration was given to potential development risks.*

** Wetlands that are a minimum of two (2) acres are considered City regulated wetlands. Wetlands five (5) acres or greater are considered State regulated wetlands.*

* *The upper portion of the parcel may be more desirable for an open park land versus green space features. It was suggested that Mr. Jesse Kranz, Vice President of Elro Corporation, could submit a revised property outline to the May GSAB meeting for review.*

* *An underground power easement runs along the north side of the parcel. Utility companies are open to the suggestion of using easements as potential recreational corridors in the future which would expand public access.*

* *The parcel could be considered for the August 1, 2009 grant deadline. However, much work would have to happen during the next two months and the appropriate paperwork would have to be submitted to City Council for consideration.*

The board discussed nominating the 56 acre parcel for acquisition.

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

The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Loeb, Peterson, Raschke and Douglas

Nay 5 - Funk, Carvey, Gauthier, McGoldrick and Windscheif

Resolved that GSAB proceed to recommend acquisition of Clear Creek No. 5 as presented, scored and discussed at the April 28, 2009 GSAB meeting, and that should this motion move forward, it will be the City's responsibility to negotiate adequate adjustments in the property designation to suit the purposes of GSAB and the developer.

2007-0753 Update regarding any nominated properties

None at this time.

This matter was Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, May 26, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Windscheif adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2009 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

William Windscheif, Chairperson