



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Green Space Advisory Board

Chairperson William Windscheif, Vice Chairperson Paul Funk

*Members: Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loeb, Lorraine McGoldrick, Dahlvin Peterson,
Jack Robinson, Pamela Wallace
Council Member Ravi Yalamanchi*

Youth Representatives: Molly Graham, Leo Oriet, Orfeh Vahabzadeh

Staff Members: Kurt Dawson, Michael Hartner, Roger Moore

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windscheif called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Pamela Wallace, William Windscheif, Lynn Loeb and Dahlvin Peterson

Absent 2 - Lorraine McGoldrick and Jack Robinson

Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, and Ravi Yalamanchi

Non-Voting Members Absent: Roger Moore, Molly Graham, Leo Oriet, and Orfeh Vahabzadeh

Others Present: None.

Committee Members McGoldrick, Robinson, and Moore provided previous notice they would not be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2008-0257 Regular Meeting - April 22, 2008

Attachments: [042208 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Aye 7 - Funk, Carvey, Gauthier, Wallace, Windscheif, Loeb and Peterson

Absent 2 - McGoldrick and Robinson

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2008 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

An updated GSAB membership was distributed. Revisions will be made as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Windscheif acknowledged Ms. Laura Douglas was present. No public comments were noted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-0753 Update regarding any nominated properties

Mr. Paul Funk, Vice Chairperson, summarized a meeting among Chairperson Windscheif, Mr. Hartner, Mayor Bryan Barnett and Mr. Funk regarding a nominated property on Mead Road. After several months of negotiations, the Administration concluded that although the Trust for Public Land was used successfully in the previous purchase of the Clinton River Trail, their financial proposal was not acceptable to the City of Rochester Hills and the option to purchase the property at the February 2007 appraisal value has expired. The Mead Road property is still possible to pursue. However, alternative options must be considered.

Mr. Kurt Dawson, City Assessor/Treasurer, noted that developable land has decreased in value by 30% to 50% over the last two years.

Chairperson Windscheif noted that the Mead Road negotiations were executed with due diligence and professionalism. It may be possible to pursue the property in the future.

Mr. Hartner reported no updates on other nominated properties.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0134 Discuss GSAB staggered membership terms

A draft resolution was discussed regarding GSAB staggered membership terms. It was recommended that the resolution be forwarded to Council for discussion at a future Council meeting along with the revised work plan.

This matter was Recommended for Approval

Aye 7 - Funk, Carvey, Gauthier, Wallace, Windscheif, Loeb and Peterson

Absent 2 - McGoldrick and Robinson

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council expanded the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) from seven (7) to nine (9) voting members at the City Council Meeting dated January 7, 2008;

Whereas, GSAB recommends that City Council stagger the nine (9) member terms on a three (3) year basis for better uniformity and continuity over the life of the GSAB millage.

Currently six (6) terms will expire on December 31, 2010;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, GSAB recommends that City Council accomplish staggering terms on a three (3) year basis in the following manner:

- In December 2008, appoint three (3) members to December 31, 2011 as planned; and
- In December 2009, take any three (3) of the six (6) terms due to expire on December 31, 2010 and extend them to December 31, 2012.
- Keep the remaining three (3) terms to expire on December 31, 2010 as originally scheduled.

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

Discussion ensued regarding the 2008 Work Plan. It was noted that some of the current language may need to be revised to reflect the continuing evolvement of GSAB activities as an "advisory board".

Chairperson Windscheif recapped the GSAB mission as to "look at properties, review them, evaluate them, measure them and recommend action." He also encouraged members not to lose sight of that mission.

Member Funk offered to circulate the current work plan via email to GSAB members who will then respond within a two-week period with suggestions in accordance with the points discussed. Mr. Funk will incorporate the suggestions into a draft document to be discussed at the next GSAB meeting.

This matter was Discussed

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

Member Funk referenced a newspaper article acknowledging Member Pam Wallace and Mr. Andy Krupp as Earl Borden Award recipients for their green space efforts. Members expressed congratulations for their achievement.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

Member Gauthier presented an "introduction letter of support" prepared by Melinda Hill that may be considered for use by the GSAB to support property acquisitions. He also presented an updated property nominations log as well as budget projections of GSAB expenditures and revenues prepared by Julie Jenuwine, Finance Director. Mr. Hartner referenced the fact that estimated tax revenue through 2015 will likely decrease due to the decrease of property value in Oakland County.

Mr. Gauthier also briefly reviewed a draft PowerPoint presentation regarding the recommendation to Council on the nominated properties located on Harding Road. The presentation will be fine-tuned and submitted to the Council Liaison for placement on a Council meeting in June. Chairperson Windscheif will notify Council President Hooper that the presentation is being forwarded

This matter was Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Member Carvey reported he has been appointed as the sub-committee leader. They met to discuss funding for stewardship and what properties need to be protected. They also may request Don Harding, Engineer, Building Department and a representative from Oakland Land Conservancy to speak to the sub-committee. A detailed outline will be provided for discussion at the June GSAB meeting. Ms. Laura Douglas volunteered to serve as a sub-committee citizen representative.

This matter was Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that GSAB send a letter of appreciation to Leo Oriet, GSAB Youth Representative for his volunteer service over the past school year.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 - 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Windscheif adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2008 Regular GSAB Committee Meeting.

William Windscheif, Chairperson