



# 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*

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Tuesday, February 26, 2013

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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### CALL TO ORDER

*In the absence of Chairperson Carvey, Vice Chairperson Gauthier called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb and Samantha Phillips

**Absent** 3 - Gerald Carvey, Dahlvin Peterson and Beth Tilove

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

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson, Adam Kochenderfer, Pranita Balusu, Alexis Smith, and Michelle Thorpe*

*Others Present: None*

*Committee Members Carvey, Peterson, Tilove, and Dawson provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2013-0070 Regular Meeting - January 22, 2013

**Attachments:** [01-22-13 GSAB draft minutes.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

**Aye** 6 - Dohr, Gauthier, Graham, Graves, Loeb and Phillips

**Absent** 3 - Carvey, Peterson and Tilove

**Resolved** that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013 as presented.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*No communications were noted at this time.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Vice Chairperson Gauthier noted there were no members of the public present.*

## 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

*Mr. Roger Moore, City Surveyor, and Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, gave an brief update regarding the 23 acres of donated green space land in the Clear Creek Subdivision. The final plat was approved by City Council. The original parcel was nominated for green space acquisition in 2009. In 2010, the State's trust fund awarded a matching grant for the acquisition. As the local economy improved, the developer then decided to move the development forward and the City had to return the grant. The land donation resulted from an agreement with the developer. Once the land donation is officially recorded, the green space boundary markers will be installed and it will be added to the City's green space inventory. It is a desirable parcel as it is sensitive land that borders Sheldon and Mead Roads and is accessible to the public.*

**Discussed**

### 2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

### 2012-0443 Discuss Stewardship Management Plan

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

*Mr. Moore and Mr. Hartner presented a map to help identify and prioritize different open space areas in the City that could be considered under a stewardship plan. Categories included city parks, other city-owned properties*

and green space parcels that have a priority 1, 2, or 3 rating from the Natural Features Inventory.

The following areas were briefly discussed with regard to conservation easements:

- \* Wooded areas in Borden and Bloomer Parks
- \* Avon Nature area surrounding City Hall
- \* Bank erosion along parts of the Clinton River

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

Member Graves reported that after feedback provided from last month's meeting, the subcommittee redefined stewardship to read 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."

The subcommittee also suggested that the mission statement may be best developed by the entire Board rather than within a subcommittee.

The Board concurred with the redefined stewardship definition as well as developing a mission statement.

Mr. Hartner explained that after stewardship is defined, the next step would be to explain how it will be implemented and funded. City Council originally established this Board to only purchase land for preservation. Therefore, City Council will have to agree to repurpose the duties of this Board to include stewardship activities. When that takes affect, then the residents could then be asked to approve the repurposing of the millage funds to allow stewardship activities to take place on appropriate lands.

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

Member Loeb reported that the subcommittee met. She provided an update regarding the following:

- \* Stewardship costs could be estimated based on using the Parks Department personnel or hiring a professional entity such as Six Rivers Land Conservancy.
- \* The management plan could include trash removal, removal of invasive species, reintroduction of desirable native species where appropriate, and encroachment and erosion issues.
- \* Monitoring techniques should include a predetermined number of inspections annually during spring and fall. GPS maps as well as Google Earth may be useful tracking tools.

\* *The millage fund would need to be expanded to include expenditures necessary to execute an approved management plan.*

\* *A program to "adopt a green space" could be formulated with local schools for on-going education.*

*The Board consensus was to continue discussions at the next GSAB meeting.*

**Discussed**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*None at this time.*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*GSAB members are invited to participate in the Clinton River Paddlepalooza event on Saturday, June 1, 2013 to explore the river. The rain date will be June 15.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*- Tuesday, March 26, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Gauthier adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

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

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*Tim Gauthier, Vice Chairperson*