



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, March 26, 2013

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carvey called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson and Beth Tilove

Absent 3 - Thomas Dohr, Jayson Graves and Samantha Phillips

Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Roger Moore, Mike Hartner, and Alexis Smith

Non-Voting Members Absent: Adam Kochenderfer, Pranita Balusu, and Michelle Thorpe

Others Present: None

Committee Members Dohr, Graves, and Phillips provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2013-0104 Regular Meeting - February 26, 2013

Attachments: [02-26-13 GSAB Draft minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2013 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board members introduced themselves to Alexis Smith, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council representative to GSAB. Ms. Smith is a freshman at Stoney Creek High School. She was provided a folder of information regarding GSAB.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Carvey acknowledged 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

Vice Chairman Gauthier noted that he will update his internal log to reflect the Mead Road property donation as soon as it has been recorded.

A brief update was provided to Ms. Smith regarding the Mead Road property donation.

Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Member Peterson contacted Naturalist Lance DeVoe to discuss leading a spring stewardship project to pull garlic mustard, an invasive plant. Members discussed whether to engage more volunteers to pull garlic mustard since it does not require a lot of training and whether to target more of the Harding Road green space parcel.

The consensus was for all GSAB members to contact various organizations to solicit for volunteers and report back to the full board at the April 23 GSAB meeting. The tentative date would be Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 10 am to noon.

Mr. Roger Moore, City Surveyor, noted that a webinar regarding how to manage an invasive plant called phragmites will be held on April 5, 2013. Support staff will forward the webinar link to Board members for their interest.

Discussed

2012-0443 Discuss Stewardship Management Plan

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

Vice Chair Gauthier noted there was nothing new to report at this time.

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

Member Tilove noted the consensus from the February 26 GSAB meeting was to accept the redefined definition for stewardship which reads 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 Board concurred with developing a mission statement as a group. Mr. Kurt Dawson, Assessor/Treasurer, provided examples of mission statements for discussion. Members will review mission statements and exchange ideas via e-mails and bring final ideas to discuss a mission statement at the April 23 GSAB meeting.

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

Member Loeb noted there was nothing new to report at this time.

Discussed**NEW BUSINESS**

No report at this time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, gave an overview of a large private donation from a resident to make some passive improvements such as a parking lot, trails and possibly some restrooms at Riverbend Park, a 70 acre park located on Hamlin Road between Crooks and Adams Roads. A meeting date will be determined to unveil the plans at a public meeting. Various concept plans were developed by students from Lawrence Technological University in Detroit. There are certain DNR regulations that apply to this parcel. The development will be geared to best "green" practices and is scheduled to begin this spring.

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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

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