



# 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*

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Tuesday, May 26, 2009

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, William Windscheif, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson and Laura Douglas

**Absent** 2 - Paul Funk and Linda Raschke

*Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner, Leo Oriet and Ravi Yalamanchi*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson, Aly Difilippo, Roger Moore, and Amith Nagesh*

*Others Present: Mr. Jesse Kranz, Vice President, Elro Corporation and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mayer*

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*None were presented.*

### COMMUNICATIONS

*Member Douglas relayed that the Six Rivers Land Conservancy was hosting a Spring Native Plant Festival on Sunday, June 7, 2009 which will include information on stewardship volunteerism. Their offices are located at the Paint Creek Cider Mill on Orion Road in Oakland Township.*

*Member Carvey reported that the City of Rochester Hills has received an award from Oakland County for being a "green city".*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Chairperson Windscheif acknowledged that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayer were present.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

*Chairperson Windscheif reported contacting the Mayor's office regarding the status of the Recycle Bank Stewardship Fund.*

*Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, gave a brief update. A GSAB Stewardship Fund has been established with the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester. It has been registered with the company that provides the web service to the Recycle Bank program. The Stewardship Fund should be active in about two weeks.*

**This matter was Discussed**

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

*No report was presented at this time. It was suggested that this sub-committee develop a Green Space logo to be used for property markers and signs, etc.*

**This matter was Discussed**

### 2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

*Member Gauthier distributed and explained the updated Property Nominations and Acquisitions Log. It included the scoring of the green space properties. Also, a summary of grants obtained by the city since 1982 was provided by Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry.*

*It was suggested that this sub-committee meet with Oakland Township to better understand the mechanics of how to negotiate a purchase agreement when the seller may not receive immediate payment because of a grant process.*

*Mr. Hartner reported that Mayor Barnett has hired an assistant, Ms. Tara Beaty, that will dedicate about 60% of her duties to obtaining grants for various city functions including green space properties acquisitions.*

**This matter was Discussed**

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

*Member Carvey reported that the Stewardship presentation went well and was approved by City Council at the May 5, 2009 City Council meeting. A baseline assessment of the properties will be done with corner stakes to mark the property boundaries. The challenge will be to find funding resources. Member Loeb was thanked for preparing the PowerPoint slide presentation.*

*It was suggested that the Communications Sub-committee develop a GSAB*

*logo to be used for property stakes and signs, etc.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2007-0753** Update regarding any nominated properties

*Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry reported that there may be a nomination coming from the owner of a cement plant located by Childress and Cloverport Roads. The property totals almost eight (8) acres and abutts by the Clinton River and the trail. However, the cement plant is located in the City of Rochester.*

**This matter was Discussed**

**2009-0033** Discussion regarding Clear Creek No. 5 property

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

*Chairperson Windscheif opened the floor for the re-discussion of Clear Creek No. 5. The property owners have revised the nomination to be more suitable for green space. Mr. Jesse Kranz, Vice President of Elro Corporation, was present to answer questions.*

*The Board reviewed and re-scored the revised nomination as outlined on the Natural Features Criteria. The revised score totaled 51 and was based on 39.3 acres. The breakdown was as follows:*

- A. Water Resources = 14*
- B. Habitat Protection = 15*
- C. Recreational/Historical Value = 20*
- D. Other Factors = 2*
- E. Adverse Factors = 0*

*The revised score changed slightly because access to scenic views was reduced and access to passive recreation was increased. The Board discussed the pros and cons of recommending the revised nomination to City Council for acquisition with Green Space millage funds. The consensus was to recommend acquisition with the goal of submitting a grant by August, 1, 2009 to the Michigan Land Trust Fund.*

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

**The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 7 - Carvey, Gauthier, McGoldrick, Windscheif, Loeb, Peterson and Douglas

**Absent** 2 - Funk and Raschke

Whereas, the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) has been diligently working to acquire open space per the Green Space and Natural Features Millage approved in 2005; and

Whereas, the GSAB has developed criteria for open space acquisition and evaluated nominated properties based on the Property Evaluation Criteria, site visits, greenway

connectivity, and how the properties fit into Oakland County's Hub & Site Green Infrastructure Network.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby recommends that City Council consider the acquisition of the Clear Creek No. 5 property, consisting of approximately 39.3 acres under the Green Space Millage Fund.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*None presented at this time.*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Member Carvey reported that there will be a dedication of the drinking fountain on Clinton River Trail at Leach Road on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Rochester Rotary Club donated \$4,000 toward the fountain.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*- Tuesday, June 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Windscheif adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 Regular Green Space Advisory Meeting.*

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*William Windscheif, Chairperson*