



Rochester Hills DRAFT Minutes Green Space Advisory Board

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William Windscheif*

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carvey called the GSAB meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lorraine McGoldrick, Jack Robinson, Pamela Wallace and William Windscheif

PUBLIC COMMENT

None Presented

NEW BUSINESS

2006-0169

Presentation by Donna Folland, Oakland Land Conservancy

Attachments: Oakland Conservancy Model Conservation Easement.pdf

Donna Folland, presented to the GSAB a basic overview of Oakland Land Conservancy, noting the following:

** Operations are supported by membership, major gifts, grants from corporations and foundations.*

** Oakland Land Conservancy focuses on high quality natural areas.*

** A Conservation Easement is a legal agreement between a land owner and an eligible Land Conservancy or local government which restricts the development or use of a certain property.*

** Land owner retains the ownership and gives only certain development rights to the holder of the conservation easement.*

Ms. Folland briefly explained land owners values and tax benefits on donated conservation easements as follows:

** Conservation Easements consist of different types of land: private land, non-profit land, homeowner association land, parks and/or open space.*

** Oakland Land Conservancy protects: natural features, water quality, steep slopes, wildlife habitat and land located along the Clinton River Trail.*

** A land owner can transfer the property but the conservation easement remains and is recorded on the County Deed in perpetuity.*

** Oakland Land Conservancy develops a report that reflects: property, history, geology,*

natural features and man made features which can then be monitored annually and compared with the baseline report.

** Oakland Land Conservancy has the right to prevent action that would harm the conservation values.*

** An additional benefit of Oakland Land Conservancy purchasing conservation easements was noted: Oakland Land Conservancy purchased a conservation easement, the purchase lowered the parcel's value which then allowed Oakland Township to purchase the remaining land with a Trust Fund Grant.*

Ms. Folland briefly explained Stewardship and what the Oakland Land Conservancy currently stewards. She also noted that stewardship monetary support is provided by endowments, homeowners associations, grant monies and local corporations.

Ms. Folland expressed her sincerity in forming a partnership with Rochester Hills.

Presented

2006-0087 Review of the Clinton River in Rochester and Rochester Hills: A Greenways Opportunity Plan

Attachments: Greenways Plan Memo.pdf

GSAB members reviewed and briefly went over the executive summary pertaining to: A Greenways Opportunity Plan.

Reviewed

2006-0170 Discussion - Setting Criteria for Land Selection

** Consensus of the Board members that they need to establish a strategic plan and to also develop criteria. They noted that the criteria should be acceptable by the public.*

Board members agreed to bring forward at the next meeting:

- * Draft and/or brochure of criteria*
- * Draft public promotion of conservation easements*

Concerns were expressed regarding following the proper City Council process and that criteria is needed prior to bringing purchases forward to City Council.

Discussed

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Presented

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Sue Busam.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____, 2006 Regular GSAB Committee Meeting.