



Rochester Hills DRAFT Minutes Green Space Advisory Board

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William Windscheif*

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carvey called the GSAB meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner and Roger Moore

Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson and Ravi Yalamanchi

PUBLIC COMMENT

None Presented

COMMUNICATIONS

2006-0207

Resident request for Green Space parcel 15.33.476.014 located Livernois and South Blvd Roads.

Attachments: P Schodowski Petition for Green Space.pdf

Board members acknowledged receipt of suggested property consideration letters from the following residents:

Lynn Rizzo and Peggy Schodowski

Discussed

PRESENTATION

2005-0300

Conservation Easements

Attachments: Standard 11 Conservation Easement Stewardship.pdf; Memo to CDV Conservation Easement 106(ver2).pdf; Memo Roger Conservation Easements.pdf; Info Packet Conservation Easements.pdf; Oakland Land Conservancy Proposal.pdf; Conservation Easement Supplemental In

Board members discussed Conservation Easements located throughout the City noting the following:

* *It is estimated that there are approximately 200 Conservation Easements in Rochester Hills with roughly one-half of them having been encroached upon.*

* *There is a wide variety of Conservation Easements:*

- * *Natural Features*
- * *Tree Preservation*
- * *Steep Slope*
- * *Wetlands*
- * *Woodlands*

* *Originally the developers worked with the Planning Commission and recorded the Conservation Easements on the plat, however, there is not a database that compiles them. As a result a manual mapping of them needs to be done by reviewing a ten (10) year history of Planning Commission documents.*

* *Some of the Conservation Easements are conveyed to the City, MDEQ, the Oakland Land Conservancy or simple ownership and others are easements over an existing property.*

Mr. Rousse stated that the City's plan is to raise awareness of the Conservation Easements with the first step being an inventory of the Conservation Easements. He further stated that this would be a proposed multi-year program funded through the Capital Improvement Project and administered through the Facilities Department costing an estimated \$300,000.00.

* *An alternate proposal would be to hire a summer intern to begin the baseline inventory process to determine a "photo in time" of what kinds of Conservation Easements exist. Also a management plan would need to be developed which would prioritize the preservation of the Conservation Easements to include an annual review, posting signage indicating the boundaries and initiating a communication program with the residents.*

* *Enforcement action would be the responsibility of the Ordinance Department.*

Discussed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006-0170

Discussion - Setting Criteria for Land Selection

Prior to selecting the criteria for land selection, board members considered significant guidelines, such as, keeping criteria as simple as possible, making criteria clear and including flexibility as well as being fiscally responsible.

List of criteria discussed is as follows:

- water resources*
- wildlife habitat protection*
- scenic views*
- recreational value*
- historic value*
- woodlands*
- wetlands (contain and percentage/total acreage)*
- rivers and streams*
- clinton...greenway and other trail corridors*
- does the property have frontage on or contain (water resource)*
- linkages*

-steep slopes

** It was mentioned that board members need to keep in mind that on paper one parcel could score higher than another knowing that the other piece of land is preferable, therefore, flexibility plays a key part in actual selection.*

** It was noted that land selection criteria is a beginning to the land selection process and offers an objective basis.*

** Land acquisition restriction only allows for passive recreation and not active recreation.*

Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, explained the land selection criteria form noting the following:

- * Historical Cultural Value*
- * Community Planning Component*
- * Bargain Sale*
- * Development Risk*
- * Negative Factors*
- * Higher than Market Costs*
- * Unique Detractors*

Consensus of the Board was to have members review the form and bring back any suggestions.

Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

2006-0214 Communication Sub-Committee tasked with creating a Conservation Easement Brochure and Communications procedure for GSAB

Attachments: Draft 1 - Protocol for Media Relations.pdf

No Discussion

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Presented

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sue Busam