



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, April 23, 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 9 - Gerald Carvey, Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips and Beth Tilove

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

Non-Voting Members Absent: Pranita Balusu and Adam Kochenderfer

Others Present: Ms. Sandy Nicks and Mr. Paul Schmeisl

Members Kochenderfer and Balusu provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2013-0135 Regular Meeting - March 26, 2013

Attachments: [03-26-13 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Aye 9 - Carvey, Dohr, Gauthier, Graham, Graves, Loeb, Peterson, Phillips and Tilove

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Carvey noted there were no communications at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Carvey acknowledged there were two members of the public present. Ms. Sandy Niks, a master gardner, and Mr. Paul Schmeisl. Ms. Niks offered her knowledge regarding the removal of garlic mustard.

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

No report at this time.

Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

Update on spring stewardship project - (new date) Saturday, May 11, 2013, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Member Peterson suggested to conduct the spring stewardship project on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. because some GSAB members, including himself, would not be able to attend Saturday, May 18. He will bring placards to identify the project for public awareness. The project will target the removal of garlic mustard on the Harding Road green space parcel. Staff will post an appropriate notice for the project.

Mr. Hartner, Director, Parks & Forestry, noted that Naturalist Ranger Lance DeVoe need not be present for a garlic mustard removal project because it does not involve machinery or pesticides. He will obtain permission for GSAB and volunteers to park behind the Rivercrest Professional Building, located on the northeast corner of Avon and Livernois Roads. Garbage bags will be provided by the City. Workers need to bring gloves.

Ms. Niks volunteered to publicize the project, with appropriate contact information, to her sources. Members Peterson and Phillips will make contacts for volunteers.

Vice Chairperson Gauthier noted that he and Member Loeb may attend the garlic pull project hosted by Stoney Creek Metro Park on Saturday, May 4, from

10 a.m to 1 p.m. It would be a good opportunity to see how other organizations use volunteers and conduct a stewardship project.

Members Peterson, Loeb and Phillips will walk the Harding Road parcel on Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. to determine the best areas to target the garlic mustard.

Discussed

2012-0443 Discuss Stewardship Management Plan

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

Chairperson Carvey noted nothing new to report at this time.

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

As noted in the February 26 and March 26, 2013 minutes, the Board consensus for the definition of stewardship 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.

Chairperson Carvey opened the floor to discuss a mission statement. Members discussed the original GSAB objective as an advisory board to City Council for the acquisition of green space parcels and the modification of their scope to include stewardship. A consensus was reached to accept a GSAB mission statement.

The following motion made by Tim Gauthier and seconded by Samantha Phillips was unanimously supported:

Resolved that the GSAB hereby accepts the following mission statement, “It is the mission of the Rochester Hills’ Green Space Advisory Board to enhance our community through the preservation and stewardship of natural features.”

Members also discussed the purpose of a vision statement and a value statement that enhances a mission statement and what should be presented to City Council. Member Dohr explained his definition of vision, mission and value statements, with vision statements being very broad.

Mr. Hartner commented that the modification of GSAB’s objectives to include stewardship, and ultimately a stewardship management plan, is pivotal to Rochester Hills because the city is considered to be nearly “built out”. Green space properties, open spaces and natural features such as the Clinton River, require protection and adequate funding to preserve for future generations. He explained how the city’s pathway committee is a resident-based group that advises on projects to be considered for annual city budgets. GSAB could do the same for stewardship projects and also help establish the value of

stewardship and natural features for the community. Member Dohr commented that opportunities to make green space an important feature in this community are pressing. Chairperson Carvey noted a vision could be to keep Rochester Hills green.

Member Peterson volunteered to develop a draft a vision statement and a value statement for discussion at the next GSAB meeting.

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

Member Peterson summarized a webinar he watched regarding the control of phragmites along the Canadian side of Lake St. Clair. They used various interesting techniques which require constant implementation.

Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Gauthier suggested that to create awareness of GSAB's long term vision for stewardship, it would be beneficial for all board members to engage in site visits of one or two open space parcels that were not acquired with Green Space millage funds. Such parcels would be the Avon Nature Center surrounding City Hall and possibly some areas of Bloomer Park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No report at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Spring stewardship project: Saturday, May 11, 2013 - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Regular GSAB meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:05 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