



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Final

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Darlene Janulis, Vice Chairperson Jayson Graves
Members: Peter Beightol, Dianah Foster, Tim Gauthier, Philip Leach,
Heidi Morris, Dahlvin Peterson, Terry Stephens
Council Member Susan Bowyer, Ph.D.
Youth Representatives: Maya Iyer, Sofia Tiberio, Dana Williams

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janulis called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Dianah Foster, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Darlene Janulis and Dahlvin Peterson

Absent 3 - Peter Beightol, Philip Leach and Terry Stephens

Non-Voting members Present: Matt Einheuser, Lance DeVoe, Susan Bowyer, Ph.D., and Maya Iyer

Non-Voting Members Absent: Ken Elwert, Sofia Tiberio and Dana Williams

Committee Members Peter Beightol, Philip Leach, Terry Stephens, Ken Elwert, Sofia Tiberio and Dana Williams provided previous notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Others present: Jan Ladewig, Alina Ladewig, Joe Bruce, Ron Wheelock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-0141](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - January 22, 2019

Attachments: [01.22.19 Minutes Resolution.pdf](#)
[01.22.19 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

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

Aye 6 - Foster, Gauthier, Graves, Morris, Janulis and Peterson

Absent 3 - Beightol, Leach and Stephens

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Green Space Advisory Board Meeting held on January 22, 2019 be approved as presented.

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser discussed the work that Niswander has been doing. The cold has allowed them to be very productive. Niswander has removed buckthorn at Innovation Hills and Harding Green Spaces, 9.3 and 2.65 acres respectively. Einheuser explained that work being completed on the park side will be partially funded through Green Space. He will update the committee with exact amounts when known. The money will be used from funds not currently earmarked for other Green Space projects. Lance DeVoe discussed the importance of getting rid of invasive species like buckthorn. Discussion ensued.

Einheuser met with Niswander at Ruby Green Space. They discussed concerns with the budget. Niswander will be expanding the area of work but not increasing the cost.

Einheuser mentioned that the grant concerning the issues along the Clinton River was not funded.

Einheuser talked about the aerial deer survey that was completed. They counted 59 deer in Innovation Hills, mostly on the Green Space side. Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Wheelock asked about properties of interest and kayak access at Innovation Hills. Discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019-0018 2019 Discovery Hike

Member Graves had flyers to be distributed. Einheuser mentioned that it will be posted on the City's website and Facebook as well as sharing it with the committee electronically. The press release will go out soon. Chairperson Janulis noted that the sponsors are the same as last year, Premier Pet Supply, Wild Birds Unlimited and Dunham's.

Discussion about banners ensued. The committee agreed to order a "Green Space Hike" banner without sponsor names on it so that it can be used for the Discovery Hike as well as Second Saturday Hikes.

Chairperson Janulis is working on donations for the raffle prizes. Einheuser has survey card for attendees to complete.

2019-0140 Green Space Property Fact Sheets

Chairperson Janulis mentioned that Member Stephens was looking for some assistance with formatting and direction. Members Peterson and Gauthier volunteered to work with Stephens.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Saturday Hikes

Member Morris said she is looking forward to beginning the hikes again. The hikes will be held June through October. Discussion ensued on the locations of each hike.

June: Ruby Green Space

July: Cloverport & Childress Green Spaces

August: Innovation Hills Green Space

September: Harding Green Space

October: Tentatively Avon Nature Study Area

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Janulis reviewed the 2019 goals.

- 1. Consolidation of Green Space property fact sheets*
- 2. Presentation to city council on Green Space property - likely in June or July per Dr. Bowyers recommendation.*
- 3. Improved engagement and education of Green Spaces - Einheuser shared the new Parks & Natural Resources booklet.*
- 4. Increase volunteer stewardship*
- 5. River trip to view the Green Spaces*

Chairperson Janulis would like to discuss future meeting schedule and frequency of Green Space Advisory Board meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Janulis adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Stencil.

Minutes were approved as presented at the April 23, 2019 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Darlene Janulis, Chairperson