



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### Green Space Advisory Board

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*Chairperson Gerald Carvey*

*Members: Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Adam Kochenderfer, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips, Beth Tilove  
Council Member Nathan Klomp*

*Youth Representatives: Pranita Balusu, Laisa Magucha, Michelle Thorpe*

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Tuesday, November 15, 2011

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Vice Chairperson Peterson called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Tim Gauthier, Dahlvin Peterson, Richard Graham, Samantha Phillips and Thomas Dohr

**Absent** 4 - Gerald Carvey, Lynn Loeb, Beth Tilove and Adam Kochenderfer

*Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner, Pranita Balusu (entered 7:03 p.m.)  
Michelle Thorpe (entered 7:05 p.m.), and Laisa Magucha (entered 7:30 p.m.)*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson, Nathan Klomp, and Roger Moore*

*Others Present: Mr. Jason Graves, resident.*

*Committee Members Carvey, Kochenderfer, Tilove, Dawson, Klomp, and Moore provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2011-0455 Regular Meeting - September 27, 2011

**Attachments:** [09-27-11 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

**Aye** 5 - Gauthier, Peterson, Graham, Phillips and Dohr

**Absent** 4 - Carvey, Loeb, Tilove and Kochenderfer

**Resolved** that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2011, as presented.

*Member Lynn Loebbs entered at 7:03 p.m.*

**Present** 6 - Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loebbs, Dahlvin Peterson, Richard Graham, Samantha Phillips and Thomas Dohr

**Absent** 3 - Gerald Carvey, Beth Tilove and Adam Kochenderfer

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Vice Chairperson Peterson noted that the three-year terms for Members Carvey, Dohr, and Gauthier are expiring on December 31, 2011. They have expressed their interest for re-appointment. City Council will make appointments on Monday, December 5, 2011.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Vice Chairperson Peterson acknowledged that Mr. Jason Graves was in attendance. Mr. Graves stated that he has submitted a candidate questionnaire to be considered to fill the remaining term of Mr. Adam Kochenderfer who was elected as a new Rochester Hills City Council representative.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

*Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry reported that the "319" conservation easement grant for the development rights to the original Mead Road property will likely not happen. The negotiations were simply too far apart. However, about one-third of the property contains wetlands and borders a creek/river, therefore, it will be protected by the City's current ordinances.*

*There have been no new properties nominated at this point.*

**Discussed**

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

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

**2008-0131** GSAB Communication, Promotion & Education Sub-Committee

*In lieu of Member Tilove's absence, Mr. Hartner gave a preliminary update regarding the green space property boundary signs. Signs would need to be placed wherever there is a turn in the green space property boundary and wherever a green space parcel borders private property or a trailway or public road. The approximate total cost will be about \$2,600. The sign specifications will be handled through the Purchasing Department's bid process. January will be a better time to move forward with the bid process after the signage is*

*finalized at the sub-committee level. The goal for installation is Spring 2012.*

**Discussed**

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

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

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

*Vice Chairperson Peterson reported that the sub-committee, along with Naturalist Lance DeVoe, met on October 22 to conduct a pilot project to remove some invasive species called Buckthorn and Autumn Olive on the Harding Road green space parcel. The project was scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., however, the sub-committee was able to finish by 1:00 p.m. The project revealed that a work team of five people was sufficient, with one person operating a chain saw, followed by one person spraying the herbicide on the stumps, followed by two to three people picking up the cuttings and placing them in the truck bed. The project targeted the invasive species residing about 10 feet either side of the trail. It was noted that a certified pesticide applicator is not needed on site when a pre-mixed herbicide is used.*

*The Board discussed the following points:*

- \* The before and after photos of the targeted sites will be a good comparison 12 months from now.*
- \* More teams of five would be useful for the spring project that will target the invasive species called Garlic Mustard.*
- \* Tarps would be useful to lay on the ground when gathering the cuttings to prevent any seeds from germination.*
- \* The Niswander environmental report can be used as a reference.*
- \* Identifying signage should be displayed by the teams during future stewardship projects to promote the GSAB's mission and educate residents.*
- \* The second annual Discovery Hike could be used to publicize stewardship and educate people on green space projects.*

*Overall, the sub-committee did an exemplary job, with the assistance of Naturalist DeVoe, and the pilot project worked as intended. The consensus was to make a presentation to City Council in the spring of 2012 to provide an update on all green space activities.*

**Discussed**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing at this time.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*It was suggested to begin discussions on the second annual Discovery Hike at the December GSAB meeting.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*- Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.*

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

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*Dahlvin Peterson, Vice Chairperson*