



# Rochester Hills

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

**Notes:** *Chairperson Carvey explained the draft resolution provided by the City's Finance Director is for GSAB to recommend to City Council the initial fund amount to be placed in the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust. Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry commented that the trust paperwork has been submitted to the IRS for approval. However, the approval could take several months. He advised that careful thought should be given to the initial amount placed in trust. Additional amounts can always be added. Consideration should also be given to the costs of*

*hiring a consultant and developing a stewardship management plan and any potential future open space acquisitions.*

*Mr. Kurt Dawson, City Assessor/Treasurer commented that the Green Space Millage Fund will have almost an \$8 million balance after the 2015 tax collection. Members discussed various scenarios and what would be a comfortable starting balance. The consensus was to recommend placing an initial amount of \$4 million in trust.*

Aye 5 Carvey, Gauthier, Graham, Nicks and Peterson

Absent 4 Dohr, Fleer, Graves and Phillips

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### **Text of Legislative File 2014-0305**

#### Title

Discuss initial funding of the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust

#### Body

**Whereas**, in September of 2005, Rochester Hills' residents passed a 0.3 mill 10-year millage to acquire and preserve natural green space in the community, and

**Whereas**, Rochester Hills City Council created a special revenue fund for these assets and established a nine member Green Space Advisory Board to develop strategies and make recommendations regarding the expenditure of the millage funds, and

**Whereas**, in November of 2013, Rochester Hills residents voted to approve revising the permissible use of the tax revenues derived from the millage, so that the tax revenues may also be used for the stewardship of the green space properties, which includes the protection, care and maintenance of, and to improve pedestrian accessibility to and within the green spaces properties owned, acquired or controlled by the City, and

**Whereas**, the Green Space Advisory Board believes that stewardship responsibilities for Green Space defined properties should be an on going process lasting for many generations into the future, and

**Whereas**, the Green Space Advisory Board believes that using the newly created Green Space Perpetual Care Trust to provide a perpetual funding source for stewardship activities for Green Space defined properties into the future, and

**Now, Therefore**, the Green Space Advisory Board is recommending that an initial deposit into the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust in the amount of \$4,000,000 (four million dollars) be considered so that earnings from the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust will provide a long-term funding source for multi generational stewardship activities, and

**Be It Resolved**, the Green Space Advisory Board supports and recommends that the Mayor place, in his proposed 2015 Budget, that will be presented to City Council at its first meeting in August, \$4,000,000 (four million dollars) representing the initial funding of the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust.