



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Gerald Carvey

*Members: Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Richard Graham, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loebis,
Dahlvin Peterson, Samantha Phillips, Beth Tilove*

Council Member Adam Kochenderfer

Youth Representatives: Pranita Balusu, Laisa Magucha, Michelle Thorpe

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

Due to a technical difficulty with the digital recorder, the minutes are based on notes taken at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carvey called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Gerald Carvey, Thomas Dohr, Tim Gauthier, Jayson Graves, Lynn Loebis, Samantha Phillips and Beth Tilove

Absent 2 - Richard Graham and Dahlvin Peterson

Non-Voting Members Present: Pranita Balusu, Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, Laisa Magucha, and Roger Moore

Non-Voting Members Absent: Adam Kochenderfer and Michelle Thorpe

Others Present: None

Committee Members Graham, Peterson, and Kochendorfer provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2012-0181 Regular Meeting - April 24, 2012

Attachments: [04-24-12 GSAB Draft minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved as amended with the following correction under
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 2008-0131, page 2, paragraph 2, fourth sentence:

*The stewardship signs will be ~~provided~~ **erected** by Member Graham.*

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

Aye 7 - Carvey, Dohr, Gauthier, Graves, Loeb, Phillips and Tilove

Absent 2 - Graham and Peterson

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2012 as amended.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Carvey acknowledged there were no members of the public present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

Chairperson Carvey gave a brief update regarding an effort being made by Mayor Barnett to discuss the acquisition of a 50 acre parcel, known as the White Family property, located north of the Clinton River and across from River Bend Park in Rochester Hills. Currently there is a very large difference between the appraised value and the seller's asking price.

Discussed

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

Recap of the Second Annual Green Space Discovery Hike held Saturday, May 19, 2012

Member Tilove provided feedback on the Discovery Hike and thanked various people for their assistance. The weather was great. Approximately 70 hikers came out for the event. Eight (8) nice raffle prizes were awarded and delivered or mailed. There were fewer hikers than in 2011 which may be due to the following:

** Last year's hike was held in April versus May. Perhaps the start time should be earlier.*

** School e-mail reminders went out early in the year and no reminders were sent out.*

** Sport team practices and activities are fully engaged in May.*

- * *There are many competing events in May and the press release seemed boring.*
- * *Perhaps the raffle cards should go back to being punched at each station.*
- * *The hike event may have served its purpose and it should be determined if it is worthwhile doing again.*

The Board thanked Member Tilove and her steering committee for a fine job.

Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

Review of green space parcels previously evaluated but not recommended at that time for acquisition:

2006 11-25 Adams Rd. #15-08-100-005
2006 11-25 Devondale (2) #15-29-452-003 & 019
2006 11-25 Meldon Ln. #15-21-302-007
2006 11-25 South Blvd. #15-13-400-018
2006 11-25 Walton Blvd. #15-07-376-038
2007 12-18 Rochdale (2) #15-09-451-002 & #15-09-476-035
2009 09-22 Clinton River valley 1 #15-15-426-001
2010 03-23 Maple Hill #15-03-326-019
2010 07-27 Rochester Rd. (2) #15-02-102-012 & #15-02-177-001

Vice Chairperson Gauthier distributed an updated log he maintains regarding all the property nominations and acquisitions for green space.

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, gave a presentation which included the following:

- * *A review of the development of the Greenways Opportunity Plan which looked at water resources, history, natural areas and recreation along the Clinton River corridor.*
- * *A review of the 2005 Natural Features Inventory which helped to identify possible properties that might be saved as green space.*
- * *Mr. Kurt Dawson, Assessor/Treasurer, provided an update on the Green Space Millage Fund. The fund balance is \$5,097,503 as of May 31, 2012. Approximately \$2,500,000 will be collected during the remaining three (3) years left in the millage which will expire at the end of 2015.*
- * *A review of the nomination, criteria scoring and evaluation process that was developed by GSAB in 2006.*

Mr. Hartner also provided maps and scoring information on the previously evaluated parcels and reviewed each property. After discussion, the Board consensus was to revisit three (3) parcels: Adams Road, Clinton River valley

1, and Rochdale West and East. Mr. Hartner will seek permission from the parcel owners to allow GSAB to walk each parcel. He will also determine the availability of Naturalist Lance DeVoe to guide the walks on Tuesday, July 31 at 6 p.m. with an alternate date of Tuesday, August 7 at 6 p.m. Staff will post a special notice accordingly.

Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

No report at this time. The sub-committee will discuss a fall stewardship project to address autumn olive and buckthorn which are invasive plants. It was noted that the work projects are beneficial to developing a stewardship funding plan.

Certificates of appreciation were given to the children of Member Phillips for helping with the 2012 spring stewardship project.

Discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2012 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Gerald Carvey, Chairperson