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At the CDV Meeting on July 22, I addressed the Committee concerning the Open Space Millage proposal that will appear on the ballot November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Specifically I presented a proposal, which I had included in my letter to the Council and Mayor, requesting the Council to establish a Board or Commission. This Board would be activated should the millage proposal be successful and would be the body that identified and recommended open space property to be considered for purchase by the City.

As I mentioned at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting I believe it is crucial to getting the millage passed that residents understand how the funds will be used, that is that a Board made up of city residents would be the ones bringing properties to the Council for consideration.

I would like to suggest the following to the CDV Committee and with their approval it would be presented to City Council yet this month (August):

1. A Board or Commission would consist of seven (7) members.
2. The members would serve for four (4) year terms, however the first appointments would have 4 members appointed for four (4) years and three (3) members appointed for 2 years. This would provide for staggered or overlapping terms on the Board. The Board would exist as long as there were funds available from the open space millage.
3. The appointments would come from the list of interested residents from the Mayor's office. It is important, I believe, that persons chosen for appointment have an interest in outdoor recreation and have been residents for over 5 years.

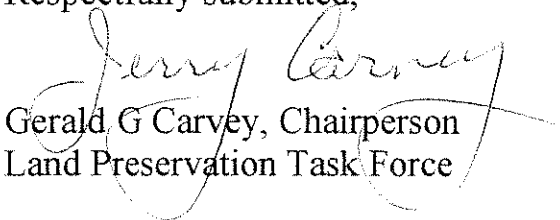
4. The duties of this Board would be somewhat specific in that their job would be to identify and recommend to City Council properties to purchase which fit the following description from the ballot question “land for the protection of natural features and wildlife habitat and the preservation of open or green spaces”. In the report *The Clinton River in Rochester and Rochester Hills: A Greenways Opportunity Plan* which was presented to the Mayor and Council sometime ago there appears extensive criteria for identifying land to preserve.

5. Further duties of this Board would be to identify and assist in seeking grants or other means of raising funds which would be used along with the funds received from the millage to purchase land or permanent conservation easements on open space.

6. Where it would be in the best interest of the City the Board would cooperate and coordinate the City’s efforts to preserve open space with that of Land Conservancies and other organizations working to preserve open space.

7. Finally, but importantly, the Board would work closely with the City’s Parks Department and receive and give support for items that will assist the City in maximizing the use of funds and other resources in the effort to preserve open space.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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