



# 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: Kelsey Jackson, Laisa Magucha, Michelle Thorpe*

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Tuesday, August 23, 2011

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Gerald Carvey, Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loeb, Dahlvin Peterson, Beth Tilove, Adam Kochenderfer, Richard Graham and Samantha Phillips

**Absent** 1 - Thomas Dohr

*Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Mike Hartner, and Nathan Klomp*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Kelsey Jackson, Laisa Magucha, and Michelle Thorpe*

*Others Present: none.*

*Members Dohr, Moore and Magucha provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**2011-0349** Regular Meeting - June 28, 2011

**Attachments:** [06-28-11 GSAB Draft Minutes.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved as amended with the following correction under  
**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Therefore, the next regular meeting would be August 28~~3~~.

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

**Aye** 8 - Carvey, Gauthier, Loeb, Peterson, Tilove, Kochenderfer, Graham and Phillips

**Absent** 1 - Dohr

**Resolved** that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2011 as amended.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Member Tilove reported that GSAB received a thank you letter from Girl Scout Troop 42456 for permitting them to help with the Green Space Discovery Hike, held in April, which resulted in obtaining the Silver Award.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Member Phillips' son and daughter were in attendance.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

*Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry reported that Mayor Barnett recently met with the owners of the Mead Road parcel regarding the 319 conservation easement and is optimistic that some good news will be known by the September meeting.*

**Discussed**

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

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

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

*Member Tilove reported that the sub-committee was exploring two types of signage for acquired green space properties. One type of sign would mark property boundaries and another type of sign would be an interpretive sign located at the main entrance for each parcel. The sub-committee met with Mayor Barnett and his assistant, Ms. Tara Beatty, to discuss the signs and a GSAB logo. It was learned that the City's new brand image can be adjusted to reflect a specific unit such as green spaces. The Mayor and Ms. Beatty are working on an identity for green spaces and will present ideas to GSAB in the near future. The Mayor will seek a legal opinion from City Attorney John Staran on whether funding for entrance/interpretive signs are within the scope of the Green Space Millage Fund.*

*Mr. Hartner presented a sample property boundary sign that the City uses to delineate park boundaries. The signs are placed at every corner where property boundaries turn. Once the number of signs for green space boundaries is determined, the project would proceed through the City's Purchasing*

*Department for solicitation of bids. Funding for the green space boundary signs is within the scope of the Green Space Millage Fund.*

*Discussion ensued regarding what information should be included on the boundary signs and entrance/interpretive signs.*

*Mr. Hartner provided the sub-committee with a document called "Wayside Companion", written by The National Park Service, that explains the elaborate process involved in developing comprehensive interpretive signs and exhibits.*

*Member Tilove asked for input from board members. Member Graham volunteered to assist the sub-committee. Mr. Hartner cautioned that five or more voting members attending any sub-committee meeting would require a public notice per the Open Meetings Act.*

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

*No report at this time.*

**Discussed**

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

*Member Peterson reported the sub-committee met with Naturalist Ranger Lance DeVoe and walked the Harding Road parcel to examine the invasive species. It was suggested to remove autumn olive and buckthorn this fall and leave the brush pilings for a natural habitat.*

*Discussion ensued regarding how to proceed with the removal of invasive species.*

*It was determined that removing invasive species is currently beyond the scope of GSAB. However, members could conduct a pilot project to see what is involved to remove autumn olive and buckthorn on the Harding Road parcel. The project would provide information needed to design a stewardship management plan which could be presented to City Council with the goal of expanding the role of GSAB to include stewardship. Preliminary dates of Saturday, October 22 and Saturday, November 12, 2011 were suggested to conduct a pilot project. The board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Hartner and Ranger DeVoe for their assistance with the pilot project. It was noted that the Niswander report is also a valuable tool to use.*

**Discussed**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*None at this time.*

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Council Representative Nathan Klomp relayed that the proposed charter amendment to protect city park lands and green spaces will appear on the*

*November ballot for a vote of the residents. The language has been endorsed by the majority of City Council. The outcome of the vote will not affect open space parcels acquired with funds from the Green Space Millage because they are already permanently preserved and cannot be developed.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Carvey adjourned the meeting at 8:10 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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*Gerald Carvey, Chairperson*