



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### Green Space Advisory Board

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*Chairperson Jayson Graves, Vice Chairperson Joe Bruce*

*Members: Stephanie Bennett, Richard Bosler, Jeff Duperon, Chander Malhotra, Brian  
McCurdy, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk  
Council Member Jason Carlock  
Youth Representatives: Dev Shah and Christina Wang*

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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Graves called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order  
at 6:01 p.m*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Joe Bruce, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Chander Malhotra, Jason Carlock,  
Brian McCurdy and Richard Bosler

**Absent** 3 - Susan Strunk, Stephanie Bennett and Jeff Duperon

*Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser, Jason Carlock and Christina  
Wang.*

*Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade and Dev Shah.*

*Members Stephanie Bennett, Jeff Duperon, Susan Strunk, Ken Elwert, Lauren  
Oxlade and Dev Shah provided prior notice that he/she would be unable to  
attend and asked to be excused.*

*Others present: None*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2026-0138](#) *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - January 27, 2026*

**Attachments:** [1-27-26 GSAB Minutes Draft.pdf](#)  
[1-27-26 GSAB Minutes Master.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Morris, seconded by Malhotra, that this matter be  
Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 7 - Bruce, Graves, Morris, Malhotra, Carlock, McCurdy and Bosler

**Absent** 3 - Strunk, Bennett and Duperon

## STAFF REPORT

*Matt updated members on the streambank stabilization projects. Innovation Hills streambank stabilization project has been completed and the site is seeded. Eagles Landing is close to being completed. It requires some final follow up grading once the soils dry out and then it will be seeded. Both sites survived the thaw and heavy rains we had over the last month, which is a good sign and have been working as designed. Staff also met with a contractor to re-look at taking some steps at Cloverport to address that streambank erosion there that will not fully restore the site, but assist in slowing down the erosion and setting it in a better direction to self-correct itself over time. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser discussed the progress Stantec has made so far. Over the last month, they have been completing woody invasives treatments within Avon Nature Area, removing Buckthorn, Autumn Olive and Honeysuckle within the understory of the upland areas. They will be heading back to Clear Creek following work at the Avon Nature Area.*

*Einheuser informed members that the City's Naming Committee will be looking into the potential to rename a Green Space after Gerald Carvey, who was instrumental in setting up Green Space millage. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser updated members that Staff has been busy working on setting up purchasing contract items for 2026. This includes phragmites and pond contractor, woody debris contractor and a river stewardship contractor.*

*Einheuser informed members of upcoming events that Staff is involved in. April 24th is Arbor Day; that week Staff will present to 3rd graders and give them seedlings. On July 15th there will be a volunteer clean up at Bee Property in partnership with CRWC's weekly clean program.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*None*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2026-0033** 2026 Goals

**Attachments:** [2026 GSAB Goals.pdf](#)

*Einheuser went over the 2026 goals for the Green Space Advisory Board. Members discussed the proposed goals and adopted the following for 2026:*

1. *Give an update to City Council of 2026 events, goals and accomplishments in October*
2. *Continue engagements and education of Green Space*
  - a. *Attend HOA forum with Green Space outreach*
  - b. *Attend OAK in the Hills have a scavenger hunt and provide information about our green spaces*
3. *Continue volunteer stewardship and Citizen Science*
  - a. *Coordinate with Youth Council to provide volunteer opportunities*
  - b. *Assist Staff in promoting opportunities for garlic mustard pull in our green spaces*
  - c. *Assist Staff in promoting Citizen Science opportunities and OE programs*
4. *GSAB to visit Green Space locations as a group. Re-familiarize ourselves with properties*
5. *GSAB members will continue with the Adopt-A-Green Space initiative, where members make a point to visit a designated space on a regular basis to look for concerns, etc.*
6. *Over the next 3 years establish a nationally registered Monarch Butterfly Waystation in any Green Space that has an appropriate site*
7. *Identify other potential City-Owned spaces where stewardship may be appropriate and included in future stewardship efforts*

**NEW BUSINESS**

## Volunteer Garlic Mustard Pull(s)

*Einheuser informed members that the volunteer garlic mustard pull is scheduled for April 29th at 6:00 pm at the Harding Green Space. Matt would like to get an idea of how many members will be able to attend so volunteers could possibly be split into groups to cover Innovation Hills Green Space as well. Also asked Christina to inform the youth council and the High School to see if there are any interested students that would like to volunteer as well.*

OAK in the Hills

*Einheuser informed members that Stantec is the premiere sponsor again this year and went over some of the scheduled activities and entertainers that will be there. Oak in the Hills is scheduled for May 16th from 11:00 - 3:00 pm. The Green Space board will have a table with maps and a scavenger hunt to hand out. Members Graves and Malhotra indicated they will be there for some of the time, Matt will also send out an email to see if anyone else can be there as well. Discussion ensued.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.*

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

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*Jayson Graves, Chairperson*