



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Green Space Advisory Board

Chairperson William Windscheif, Vice Chairperson Paul Funk

*Members: Gerald Carvey, Laura Douglas, Tim Gauthier, Lynn Loeb, Lorraine McGoldrick,
Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke
Council Member Ravi Yalamanchi*

Youth Representatives: Aly Difilippo, Leo Oriet, Amith Nagesh

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Funk called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Lorraine McGoldrick, Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke and Laura Douglas

Absent 3 - Tim Gauthier, William Windscheif and Lynn Loeb

Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner and Roger Moore

Non-Voting Members Absent: Kurt Dawson, Aly Difilippo, Amith Nagesh, Leo Oriet and Ravi Yalamanchi [entered at 7:15 p.m.]

Others Present: Mayor Bryan Barnett and his chief assistant, Ms. Tara Beatty; Mr. Jesse Kranz and Mr. Harry Terbrueggen, Sheldon/Mead Road property nomination applicants

Committee Members Gauthier, Windscheif, Difilippo and Nagesh provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2009-0245 Regular Meeting - April 28, 2009

Attachments: [042809 GSAB DRAFT Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Carvey, that this matter be Approved. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Funk, Carvey, McGoldrick, Peterson, Raschke and Douglas

Absent 3 - Gauthier, Windscheif and Loeb

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2009 as presented.

2009-0246 Regular Meeting - May 26, 2009

Attachments: [052609 GSAB DRAFT Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Approved.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Funk, Carvey, McGoldrick, Peterson, Raschke and Douglas

Absent 3 - Gauthier, Windscheif and Loebis

Resolved that the Green Space Advisory Board hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2009 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chairperson Funk distributed copies of a certified resolution, #RES0133-2009, regarding City Council approval of the Green Space Stewardship Program. He encouraged members to retain a copy for reference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Funk introduced Mayor Bryan Barnett. Mayor Barnett expressed appreciation and thanks to GSAB members for their hard work and accomplishments. Most recently noted was the preparation and acceptance of the Green Space Stewardship Program which was approved by City Council in May 2009. Also noted were the recommendations and purchases of three (3) green space properties to date.

The Mayor provided an update regarding the RecycleBank Program noting that recycling efforts of Rochester Hills are astounding and show an increase of 250% from May 2008. The Green Space Stewardship Program now appears on the RecycleBank's web page under "Favorite Donations - Community Foundation of Greater Rochester". The Foundation is the 501(c)3 charitable organization that will manage the donations to the Stewardship Fund. The Fund description is also listed on the web page. Recycle points totaling 1,025 increments may be transferred to equal \$10 donation increments to the Fund. Mayor Barnett welcomed suggestions or comments regarding the web page description.

[Members Loebis and Yalamanchi entered at 7:15 p.m. An updated voting member attendance is reflected below.]

Present 7 - Paul Funk, Gerald Carvey, Lorraine McGoldrick, Lynn Loebis, Dahlvin Peterson, Linda Raschke and Laura Douglas

Absent 2 - Tim Gauthier and William Windscheif

Mayor Barnett introduced Ms. Tara Beatty, his chief assistant. Ms. Beatty recently joined the Mayor's Office, which was reorganized to realize revenue and grant opportunities. Her main priority will be grant writing.

Vice Chairperson Funk asked the Mayor for an update on pending properties recommended for acquisition. The Mayor commented that the City Council has been meeting very regularly on pending properties which is very positive and there generally is consensus on some items that may please GSAB. The City is in a good position to leverage what the community has given the City to protect green space.

[Mayor Barnett, Ms. Beatty and Mr. Yalamanchi exited; time not noted].

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-0753 Update regarding any nominated properties

Mayor Barnett gave an update under **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

Vice Chairperson Funk reminded members that GSAB will make a presentation and recommendation regarding nomination of the Clear Creek No. 5 parcel, located at Sheldon and Mead Road to City Council on Monday June 29th . All members were encouraged to attend.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0130 GSAB Administrative & Strategic Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

This matter was Discussed

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

Member Funk reported that the sub-committee is poised to move forward with recommendations on public relations regarding the nominated parcel at Sheldon/Mead Road.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0132 GSAB Property Nominations & Acquisitions Sub-Committee

Member McGoldrick had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry stated that the owner of the nominated property located on South Boulevard remains interested in being considered for green space acquisition. He assured the owner that the property remains on the pending list.

This matter was Discussed

2008-0133 GSAB Stewardship & Advocacy Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

This matter was Discussed

[Council Member Yalamanchi re-entered the meeting, time not noted.]

NEW BUSINESS

2009-0236 Support for a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) regarding property acquisition, approximately 39.3 acres, located on the southeast corner of Sheldon/Mead Roads

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Vice President Funk explained that one of the requirements of the grant application was to receive public input. GSAB meetings are public meetings that receive public input and are properly noticed to the public.

Mr. Hartner suggested that each GSAB member write a letter of support addressed to Ms. Linda Hegstrom, Grants Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, to be included with the grant application. Various support letters will be included from Michigan senators, a Rochester Schools biologist, an Oakland County environmental consultant to support the preservation of the flora, fauna, wildlife habitat, and natural features inventory. The support letters will provide empirical data to render a high score for the property.

Member Funk opened the floor for public input regarding the resolution of support for the grant application for the nominated property located at Sheldon and Mead Roads. Mr. Terbrueggen and Mr. Kranz, property nomination applicants, stated that they are in full support and offered to contact individual homeowners as well as the local homeowners association to generate letters of support. With no further public input, Member Funk closed the floor for public input. The GSAB consensus was to support the resolution.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by McGoldrick, that this matter be Approved.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Funk, Carvey, McGoldrick, Loebes, Peterson, Raschke and Douglas

Absent 2 - Gauthier and Windscheif

Whereas, the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) has reviewed, scored and recommended the acquisition of the property, approximately 39.3 acres, located at the southeast corner of Sheldon/Mead Roads; and

Whereas, local units of government are eligible to submit a matching grant application to MNRTF for land acquisition projects that protect environmental importance or scenic beauty; and

Whereas, GSAB, as part of their public meeting on June 23, 2009, received input about the MNRTF grant application;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that GSAB fully supports the Administration's effort to submit a

grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire the Sheldon/Mead Road property and supports the use of the Green Space Millage Funds as the match.

[Mr. Terbrueggen and Mr. Kranz, property nomination applicants, exited at 7:40 p.m.]

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hartner presented examples of potential GSAB logos for discussion. A GSAB logo could be placed on signs to mark boundaries of GSAB properties and to educate the public. Members will bring suggestions to the next GSAB meeting.

Mr. Hartner also distributed flyers regarding the City's Festival of the Hills celebration, Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Borden Park from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, July 28, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Funk adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2009 Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Paul Funk, Vice Chairperson