



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Jayson Graves, Vice Chairperson Joe Bruce

*Members: Stephanie Bennett, Louis Carrio, Jr., Jordon Gearhart, Chander Malhotra, Brian
McCurdy, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk
Council Member Jason Carlock
Youth Representatives: Eliza Pizzuti & Seo-Yun Woo*

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Graves called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Joe Bruce, Jordon Gearhart, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk, Chander Malhotra, Jason Carlock and Stephanie Bennett

Absent 2 - Louis Carrio, and Brian McCurdy

Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser, Jason Carlock and Sasha Joshi

Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Lance DeVoe and Seo-Yun Woo

Committee Members Louis Carrio, Brian McCurdy, Ken Elwert, and Lance DeVoe provided prior notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Others present: Lauren Oxlade - City Naturalist, Alan and Shawn from Stantec

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2024-0619](#) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 22, 2024

Attachments: [10-22-24 GSAB minutes draft.pdf](#)
[10-22-24 GSAB Meeting Master.pdf](#)

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

Aye 8 - Bruce, Gearhart, Graves, Morris, Strunk, Malhotra, Carlock and Bennett

Absent 2 - Carrio, and McCurdy

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser explained that he would be going to City Council next Monday to recommend moving forward with Stantec for the contract for the stewardship projects. Staff reviewed 4 companies, Stantec scored the highest.

Einheuser discussed how he attended a workshop at the county about sustainability in parks. He explained that they have a sustainability manager that focuses only on that county and different ways of looking at clean energy, material management, waste management, etc. He mentioned that we are already doing a lot of that to take care of our green spaces.

Einheuser met with HCR contractor about river sites, IH and Eagles Landing erosion. They are in the data collection stage. These projects are in the City's CIP to be completed as soon as 2025.

Einheuser discussed that the cleanup of contamination at Auburn Green Space and the Ruby extension has started. CatSkill, the company completing the project, has begun to cut down trees in that area and may get done by the end of the year.

Cloverport Update

Einheuser explained that the current grant through EGLE is open to hearing an alternative design to see if it is something they could continue to fund. However, it would need to have similar outcomes in terms of sediment reduction, etc. Staff is going to set up a time to meet with Stantec to discuss and then a follow-up meeting with all parties on site in early 2025.

IH Bridge Update.

Einheuser informed members that for the month of November, the trail counter on the bridge showed roughly 6400 on the park side and roughly 6100 on the green space side. Member Strunk indicated there is still a lot of people using the loop. Discussion ensued.

Bee Property

Einheuser explained that the proposed purchase agreement documents for the DNR-Trust went to the last council meeting and was approved. At this time, our attorneys are working with the seller's attorneys to complete the actual purchase agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2024-0621](#) 2024 GSAB Goals

Attachments: [2024 GSAB Goals.pdf](#)

Members discussed the 2024 goals highlighting successfully met items. OAK in the Hills, Mustard Pull and watershed cleanup all went well. Still need to work on the website for Green Space trails, having Youth Council attend a volunteer event, specific outreach for phragmites program and member accountability for individual Green Spaces. Discussion ensued. Deciding on 2025 goals in January/February.

NEW BUSINESS

[2024-0622](#) Adopt 2025 GSAB Meeting Schedule

Attachments: [Draft - 2025 GSAB Meeting Schedule Notice.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Bruce, seconded by Strunk, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Bruce, Gearhart, Graves, Morris, Strunk, Malhotra, Carlock and Bennett

Absent 2 - Carrio, and McCurdy

Stantec Report/Presentation

Alan and Shawn from Stantec presented on the work that has been done in 2024 and the progress being made. They highlighted work and maintenance done at Clear Creek, Harding, Ruby, Innovation Hills and other Green Spaces. Discussion ensued.

[2024-0620](#) 2024 Project/Budget Update

Attachments: [Budget Tracking.pdf](#)

Einheuser updated members on the 2024 budget and projects completed. Discussion ensued.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2025 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Jayson Graves, Chairperson