



# 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: Dev Shah and Mohammed Uzair*

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Tuesday, November 11, 2025

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 6:00 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Joe Bruce, Louis Carrio, Jayson Graves, Susan Strunk, Chander Malhotra,  
Brian McCurdy and Stephanie Bennett

**Absent** 2 - Jordon Gearhart and Heidi Morris

*Non-voting members present: Jason Carlock and Lauren Oxlade.*

*Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Matt Einheuser and Mohammed  
Uzair.*

*Members Jordon Gearhart, Heidi Morris, Ken Elwert and Matt Einheuser,  
provided prior notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be  
excused.*

*Others present: None.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2025-0477](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - August 26, 2025

**Attachments:** [8-26-25 GSAB Minutes Draft.pdf](#)  
[8-26-25 GSAB Minutes Master.pdf](#)

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

**Aye** 7 - Bruce, Carrio, Graves, Strunk, Malhotra, McCurdy and Bennett

**Absent** 2 - Gearhart and Morris

## STAFF REPORT

Lauren Oxlade explained that in October, staff worked with our stewardship contractor to do some fall planting at Harding Green Space, which would connect the multiple native prairies. Staff also completed planting of some conifers within Harding where the Pine stand has started to thin out. Continued stewardship at Avon prairie occurred in October. Staff has begun to develop 2026 projects/budgets with our contractor.

Oxlade informed members that the demos have been completed at both the Livernois property (Ruby extension) and the Bee property. The areas where the homes sat will likely be planted to a native prairie mix at a later date. Staff worked with the contractor to complete a cleanup project at the Bee Property to restore an area that had previously been used a trash dump within a gully on the property.

Oxlade mentioned that Staff has begun to discuss the trail layout for the Bee Property, which will ultimately connect to existing trails on Cloverport. Discussion ensued.

Oxlade explained that Staff joined ASTI and EGLE to complete a Nowicki Wetland Identification Program (WIP) determination. This was to confirm the status of EGLE's regulations on wetlands within the property. There are 2 wetlands that are protected by the state on the North end, which we were aware of. The majority of the wetlands are not state regulated. This was confirmed and the plan can move forward as planned. Discussion ensued.

Oxlade mentioned that Staff attended a City Council meeting to recommend approval to award a contract to the selected contractor for the Eagle Landing and IH stream bank stabilization projects. Late October, Staff had a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and HRC for the projects. They are set to begin in December.

Oxlade mentioned that 24 different HOAs and landowners participated in the Phragmites program and had their phragmites treated on their properties.

Oxlade explained that Staff is currently working on annual reporting and applications for Tree City USA program and the Mayors Monarch Pledge program.

Oxlade informed members that the 128 acres in Rochester, north of Bloomer Park, is being purchased by the County. This acreage along with the lower portions of Bloomer Park and Yates Park, that will be leased from the city, will become a new County Park. Rochester Hills will continue to operate Bloomer as a City Park. Discussion ensued.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairperson Graves updated members on the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust. As of the beginning of October, the fund was doing very well. Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Graves welcomed the new Youth Council Member Dev Shah to the Green Space Advisory Board. All members gave a brief introduction of themselves.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairperson Graves mentioned reviewing goals for 2026 at December's meeting. Lauren mentioned doing hikes after meetings. Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Graves also mentioned meeting with City Counsel and discussing the Green Space Advisory Board. It went very well.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*December 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm*

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.*

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

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*Jayson Graves, Chairperson*