



# 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, December 9, 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 6:05 p.m.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Joe Bruce, Louis Carrio., Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Chander Malhotra,  
Brian McCurdy and Stephanie Bennett

**Absent** 2 - Jordon Gearhart and Susan Strunk

*Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser*

*Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade, Jason Carlock, Dev  
Shah and Mohammed Uzair*

*Members Jordon Gearhart, Susan Strunk, Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade and  
Jason Carlock provided prior notice that they would be unable to attend and  
asked to be excused.*

*Others present: Rich Bosler*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2025-0575](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - November 11, 2025

**Attachments:** [11-11-25 GSAB Minutes Draft.pdf](#)  
[11-11-25 GSAB Minutes Master.pdf](#)

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

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

**Absent** 2 - Gearhart and Strunk

## STAFF REPORT

*Matt Einheuser discussed that in November and December, staff has been working with our stewardship contractor to complete forestry mowing and removal of brush piles from past efforts on some of our Green Spaces, such as Harding and Clear Creek. In addition, they completed stump treatments at Childress Green Space to remove woody invasives. The rest of December will include some further cutting of woody invasives at Clear Creek and Ruby. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser explained that the contractor, L. D'Agostini and Sons, has begun mobilizing and the streambank project is underway at Eagles Landing. HRC is doing daily construction oversight throughout the project. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser informed members that Staff met with the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission and other partners regarding the Clinton River cutoff restoration project to fix the river where it has bypassed the dam at Yates. This project will likely be completed in 2026 and is funded by the GLFC and USFWS.*

*Einheuser explained that Staff met with Stantec to develop 2026 priorities and projects. Our January Meeting will include an annual report from Stantec 2025 efforts and monitoring. In addition, we will go over our preliminary project schedule and budget for 2026.*

*Einheuser also mentioned that Staff is working with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to add additional acres to our invasive Species grant that can be included in future years treatments.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*None*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Chairperson Graves had upcoming 2026 member Richard Bosler introduce himself as well as current members.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2025-0576**      2025 GSAB Goals

**Attachments:**    [2025 GSAB Goals.docx](#)

*Chairperson Graves went over the goals from 2025. He indicated Members updated City Council in October, held an HOA forum and integrated a property reporting app to help maintain the Green Spaces. Long-term and ongoing goals included OAK in the Hills representation, volunteer stewardship such as garlic mustard pulls, group site visits and youth council coordination. Future outreach to include coordinating with the Mayor's office to include phragmites and deer information in water bill inserts. Discussion ensued.*

**2025-0577**      2025 Project/Budget Update

**Attachments:**    [Stewardship Project Budget Tracking 25.pdf](#)

*Einheuser updated members on the 2025 budget and projects completed. Discussion ensued.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Future Green Space related Projects

*Einheuser brought up the idea of adding a boardwalk at Auburn Green Space to connect the south side to Auburn Road. Concerns about liability and precedent versus the benefits of a formal foot path were brought up. Einheuser explained that due to the wetland, there is no way to make a connection to Auburn without a boardwalk type feature, as was initially discussed when evaluating the property and whether or not to pursue it. Overall, members expressed support for evaluating the design and implementation of a boardwalk at the Auburn location. Discussion ensued.*

*Einheuser updated members on the Bee Property which include plans for establishing a trailhead, parking area, and a pollinator garden.*

### 2026 Goals

*Chairperson Graves indicated this will be discussed at January's meeting.*

**2025-0578**      Adopt 2026 GSAB meeting schedule

**Attachments:**    [Draft - 2026 Meeting Schedule Notice.docx](#)

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

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

**Absent** 2 - Gearhart and Strunk

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Tuesday, January 27 2026 at 6:00 pm*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 7:13 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*