



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, October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Graves called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order
at 6:03 pm.*

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Louis Carrio,, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk, Chander
Malhotra, Brian McCurdy and Stephanie Bennett

Absent 2 - Joe Bruce and Jordon Gearhart

Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser and Jason Carlock

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

*Committee Members Joe Bruce, Jordon Gearhart, Ken Elwert, and Lance DeVoe provided
prior notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

Others present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2024-0480](#)

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - August 27, 2024

Attachments: [08-27-24 GSAB minutes draft.pdf](#)
[08-27-24 GSAB minutes Master.pdf](#)

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

Aye 7 - Carrio,, Graves, Morris, Strunk, Malhotra, McCurdy and Bennett

Absent 2 - Bruce and Gearhart

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser gave an update on Stantec, they completed plantings in the Avon prairie, Innovation Hills and Harding Pond green spaces. Phragmites treatments on green spaces and throughout the community have also been completed. The phragmites program continues to grow as well, about 5 new applications a year. Member Morris asked if the phragmites will come back. Einheuser explained that yes, they will come back and discussion ensued.

Einheuser mentioned that the Stantec contract expires at the end of the year. It went out to RFP, and there have been 4 responses to it. The next step is scoring and looking over proposals to choose the best fit.

Einheuser explained how staff worked with the Oakland County CISMA to host a Fall Native Plant Giveaway on September 28, 2024. Over 120 people registered for free plants

Einheuser recognized Vice Chairperson Bruce and Member Morris for attending the HOA forum and representing Green Space. While it seemed slower than previous years, there were good interactions had with those that attended.

Einheuser talked about how he and Member Morris presented to City Council, updating them on the Green Space Advisory Board.

Einheuser discussed that HRC to complete preliminary engineering and design for eagles landing and Innovation Hills to see what they may look like. Also, the cleanup projects for the contaminated areas at the Auburn green space and Ruby extension went to City Council and the contract was approved. This project might begin this fall or in 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cloverport Streambank Stabilization Project

Einheuser explained staff is still meeting with experts to see what would happen if no stabilization done. He did mention another grant that we may be able to get to help with the cost. At this time there are three options, do design that was approved by state and grant, do nothing, or see if there is a middle ground to stabilize some of it. It is starting to correct itself with the trees that have fallen and such. We could possibly stabilize the top to keep it from falling into itself with some securing at the bottom. Member Malhotra asked about putting markers in bank to monitor it. Discussion ensued.

Innovation Hills Rope Bridge Update

Einheuser updated members on the status of the bridge, it has been completed and the site is restored. There will be a small grand opening on October 30, 2024 at 4 pm. All Green Space members are invited. The trail loop is marked; member Strunk mentioned that the signs are well written and look great. Trail counters will be on both sides of the bridge. Discussion ensued.

Bee Property Update

Einheuser updated members on the status of purchasing the Bee property. City council approved the grant to purchase the property last night. Once the state signs that, city council will have to approve signing a purchase agreement with the landowner. We are hoping to have it completed by end of the year. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Graves thanked Member Morris for attending HOA forum and volunteering to do the city council presentation.

Chairperson Graves also reminded members to think about the meeting schedule for next year. Members to discuss in the new year.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2024 Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.

Jayson Graves, Chairperson