Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Jayson Graves, Vice Chairperson Joe Bruce

Members: Stephanie Bennett, Richard Bosler, Jeff Duperon, Chander Malhotra, Brian McCurdy, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk
Council Member Jason Carlock
Youth Representatives: Dev Shah and Christina Wang

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | **6:00 PM** | **1000 Rochester Hills Dr. Room 130**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Joe Bruce, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Chander Malhotra and Jeff Duperon

Absent 4 - Susan Strunk, Brian McCurdy, Stephanie Bennett and Richard Bosler

Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser, Jason Carlock and Dev Shah

Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade and Christina Wang

Members Stephanie Bennett, Richard Bolser, Brian McCurdy, Susan Strunk, Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade and Christina Wang provided prior notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

Others present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026-0376 *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - July 28, 2026*

Attachments: 7-28-26 GSAB Minutes Draft.pdf
7-28-26 GSAB Minutes Master.pdf

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

Aye 5 - Bruce, Graves, Morris, Malhotra and Duperon

Absent 4 - Strunk, McCurdy, Bennett and Bosler

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser updated members on Stantec's progress. Over the last month, Stantec has completed treatments in the wet meadows at Clear Creek. They have started treating woody resprouts at Cloverport. As we go into fall, focus will be on Phragmites treatments and also plantings/seeding areas that have been previously forestry mowed and have had additional follow-up treatments.

Einheuser informed members that on August 19th staff hosted a Volunteer Clean up at the Bee Property in partnership with CRWC's weekly clean program. Over the 2 hours, they picked up 526 pounds of trash with 7 volunteers. This included 7 tires and a lot of glass!

Einheuser briefed members that the phragmites applications are being accepted for the City's Phragmites program. There are currently 25 applications. Staff has also reached out to the school district as well.

Einheuser explained that Staff has started to implement a new planting program to assist in planting trees on HOA commons areas and open areas to try and develop more canopy in areas that are otherwise mowed grass. Initial priority is on sections of the city with the lowest percent Canopy. Discussion ensued.

Einheuser mentioned that Staff met with the Clinton River Watershed Council to discuss a future Clinton River management plan for the City to identify, prioritize, and take a proactive approach to address erosion sites and improve stabilization within the river.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

October Presentation to City Council

Einheuser informed members that the City Council presentation for Green Space is October 12, 2026. Chairperson Graves and Matt Einheuser will give the presentation. The focus will be on educating the council members, being that there are three new council members, on green space basics (defining passive green space vs. active parks, permanent protection from development/sale without a vote of the public). They will also cover history, current acreage and ongoing stewardship restoration efforts. An informational sheet will be developed for Council members detailing common resident questions (overdevelopment concerns, public access and trails) and recommended quick responses. Discussion ensued.

Green Space outreach at the HOA forum

Einheuser updated members that the HOA forum will be held on October 6, 2026 from 6:30-8pm. At this Green Space outreach, the focus will be the phragmites program, trees and general Green Space information. Discussion ensued.

Avon Nature Area Prairie Stewardship / Hike

Proposed hike was waived due to the extensive meeting discussion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Graves spoke about the survey for Blueprint 4 Innovation, which allowed residents to give feedback on the parks and what they would like to see in the city. He Indicated that overall feedback was great. People are happy with the upgrades in our parks and want them to continue. Another component of the survey was transportation. Most notable was the number of complaints of e-motorcycles. Discussion ensued.

Member Morris asked if staff has ever sent letters to houses on the east side of Livernois near M-59. She indicated that there are several canopied homes that may be of interest to Green Space. Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 6:54 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