



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, July 28, 2026

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive Room 221

CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Graves called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order
at 6:01 p.m.*

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk, Stephanie Bennett, Richard
Bosler and Jeff Duperon

Absent 3 - Joe Bruce, Chander Malhotra and Brian McCurdy

*Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser, Jason Carlock and Christina
Wang.*

Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade and Dev Shah.

*Members Joe Bruce, Chander Malhotra, Brian McCurdy, Ken Elwert, Lauren
Oxlade and Dev Shah provided prior notice that they would be unable to attend
and asked to be excused.*

Others present: Aishani.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2026-0331](#) *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - May 26, 2026*

Attachments: [5-26-26 GSAB Minutes Draft.pdf](#)
[5-26-26 GSAB Minutes Master.pdf](#)

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

Aye 6 - Graves, Morris, Strunk, Bennett, Bosler and Duperon

Absent 3 - Bruce, Malhotra and McCurdy

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser updated members that Staff continues to work with HRC to get the contractor to work on improving and re-establishing seeding at the Innovation Hills and Eagles Landing Streambank stabilization projects.

Einheuser explained that over the last month, Stantec has been completing follow-up treatment of woody invasive resprouts at Clear Creek, Avon Nature Area and the Tienken Rd property. They also completed other follow-up treatments in Innovation Hills Green Space wetlands in June. Staff is starting to work with Stantec to complete plans for late summer early fall work.

Einheuser informed members that the rescheduled date for the volunteer clean up at the Bee Property in partnership with CRWC's weekly clean program, due to the air quality issues, is August 19th from 10 am to 12 pm.

Einheuser indicated that the city is looking to work with plant care specialists to treat the Bebb Oak, which is showing some stress from Two-lined Chestnut borer, a native pest. The city first met with a Plant Pathologist from MSU to help diagnose the issue. Discussion ensued.

Einheuser updated members that phragmites applications are being accepted now for the City's Phragmites program. He indicated that the program currently has 20 applications.

Einheuser briefed members that Staff submitted the first of two 2026 reimbursements for our Sustain our Great Lakes grant that we have through 2027.

Einheuser notified members that the city is launching a joint master planning survey, Blueprint for Innovation, encompassing Parks & Natural Resources, Planning, DPS, and Transportation. Board members and residents are encouraged to participate.

Einheuser also mentioned that new wayfinding, park, and trail marker signs are being produced citywide. Green Space signs will match the general style and color scheme and will be installed in-house by city staff.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jason Carlock asked if they are done with Eagles Landing stabilization project. Matt Einheuser indicated that the only issue remaining is the seeding of the area.

NEW BUSINESS**Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Update**

Jayson Graves updated members on the recent Green Space Perpetual Care Trust meeting. He indicated that asset allocation will remain at current percentages. The principal is \$5.7 million. The board voted to increase the designated amount by \$35,000, bringing the total to \$854,800 in sustainable budget funding. Discussion ensued.

2026 Project / Budget Update

Matt Einheuser updated members on the 2026 projects and budget, noting the following updates. Invasive control and follow up treatments are ongoing at Carvey Green Space and Innovation Hills Green Space. Clear Creek Green Space continues to have mowing, stump cutting, and follow-up treatments funded partly by the Sustain Our Great Lakes grant. Cloverport and Childress Green Spaces are pilot testing a lower-herbicide approach with heavier plantings and manual cutting behind the houses on Cloverport Road but still part of the green space. Ruby Green Space has Prairie and pollinator habitat restoration planned for late summer early fall at the demo site. Avon Nature Area is entering the planting phase following 2-3 years of resprout treatments. Additionally, Auburn Green Space has a prescribed burn planned for the wetland area. Discussion ensued.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2026
Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

Jayson Graves, Chairperson