

NORTON CEMETERY BOARD MEETING
Held Tuesday November 14, 2006

Board Members in attendance:

Lisa Merrick
Darlena Wisn

Guest

Phyllis Arkett

Recent burial

On August 1, 2006 there was a burial at the Western Star Cemetery. Adam Taliercio, born on April 1, 1920, died on July 29, 2006. He was interred in Grave lot 38, Grave A.

Queries

In September, Herbert Fryman of Tallmadge, Ohio contacted Lisa. He was researching his family name and wanted information on burials of the Fryman family in Norton and surrounding communities. He was sent a three-page research paper. The Western Star Cemetery has three relatives with the Fryman name, Copley has 26, and Bath Center, two. There were 22 other cemeteries researched and that family name was not found.

Damage reports

At the Western Star Cemetery some of the stones that were repaired in the past have recently fallen apart. There are many stones that need to be reset and some uncovered that are being overtaken by grass. In the spring we will set a date for clean up and repair. There are leaves blown into the far corners on the east side with grave blankets under them from last Christmas. We are still discussing the repair of the fence/gate and the grinding out of nine stumps that remain.

In June Lisa contacted the maintenance department about the new flowerbeds being destroyed by weed eaters and round up. In August, the same thing was found to be happening again. Lisa received a letter from the Twin Brooks Garden Club. Paula

Mularcik states, "One member stopped by last night to do some weeding at the Norton Center Cemetery. She was very discouraged to see that many of the weeds and plants in the main flowerbed, with the sign were sprayed with weed killer. She pulled out all the dead stuff and rearranged a few things that didn't die. I hope that you will be able to take a few minutes to talk to the city maintenance department or Mayor of Norton about the spraying of weed killer. I know that you have talked to the maintenance people before but is very discouraging to put in plants and make new flowerbeds and then have them sprayed by people who can't tell the difference between a plant and a weed."

*Phyllis also notes that the gates are still repeatedly being left open. She also kindly planted a new hemlock from her yard into the Norton Center Cemetery. It was planted in the southwest corner, known as the Indian burial sight.

Charter review discussion

We briefly discussed the Charter Review Commission Resolution to merge the Park and Recreation Board with our Cemetery Board. The commission voted (6- For) and (0 Against) the merger. A memo from Claude Collins dated July 18, 2006 was also read aloud. Claude states that he believes that neither the Parks and Rec. board nor the Cemetery Board should be abolished, although, he believes that they should not be a formal part of the city charter. As it stands, both boards are strictly advisory in nature. On July 31, 2006 Lisa wrote a letter to Cindy Hughes, the Boards and Commissions secretary. In it she stated her opinion, which closely reflected what Claude Collins had already written in his memo.

Articles

Two new articles of interest were added to our files.

Next meeting date

Not set

Submitted by: Lisa A. Merrick



**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
CEMETERY BOARD
ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The following members were present at the Meeting of the Cemetery Board,

Held on: 11/14/06

Lisa Merrick *Lisa Merrick*

Darlana Wise *Darlana Wise*

Mickey Young *[Signature]*

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