

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Tuesday, February 6, 2007**

The Health Advisory Board of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in the Shirley L. McGuire Community Center Boardroom. Chairperson Daniel Karant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Daniel Karant, Dalia Spisak, Ken Braman

ABSENT: Nancy Delnay

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Pritchard, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ed Binic, Environmental Health Director, BHD

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, January 24, 2007, and Chairman Daniel Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Braman. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Mr. Braman-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 3-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) New Sewage Treatment System Rules & New NPDES Permit Rules:

Mr. Karant asked for a clarification of storm water out falls. Mr. Pritchard explained that storm water out falls were waters in a ditch that enter into waters of the State (tributaries).

Mr. Pritchard explained that there are six minimum requirements to accomplish for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. One of them is to identify all storm water out falls, and perform a dry weather test. This lab test is to determine the fecal coliform count in the out fall locations; ours was conducted by the Cuyahoga County Health Department (CCHD). This process is done once a year for three years to ensure whether or not any areas of concern are true problems. One area in Norton showed a high fecal coliform count that will be tracked; if determined to be a true concern, the source will be found and addressed. Mr. Karant wondered why Norton had the CCHD perform this process. Mr. Pritchard stated that, with all due respect to the Summit Health District (SCHD) and the Barberton Health District (BHD), they were not capable of performing these duties.

Mr. Ed Binic said that he contacted the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for an interpretation of Section 3701.29.07(H) in relation to Section 3701.29.07(G)-which states that no septic treatment system shall be operated in an area that is accessible to sanitary sewer. This means that local health departments are expected to order residents who own septic systems and are accessible to a public sanitary sewer to tie in. In Section 3701.29.07(H), however, local health departments have been granted the authority to determine accessibility conditions. Mr. Binic said that the Ohio Revised

Code (ORC) states that if there is a 200' distance from the foundation of a house to the nearest right of way to a street with sanitary sewer, even if it is on the other side of the street, they have to connect. According to the Section 3701.29.07(H), however, there could be situations that could possibly be deemed inaccessible by the local health department, and he gave some examples. It might be acceptable for the Barberton Board of Health (BBH) to set the parameters of inaccessibility and/or time line extensions.

Mr. Braman said that he understood that the 200' distance had been changed to 400'. Mr. Pritchard stated that Part 1(c)(2)(e) of the new Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) NPDES permit rules, states 400'.

Ms. Spisak said that the Board discussed the shortage of sewer connection benefits at their last meeting. She wondered how a connection can be ordered if there are no benefits. Mr. Karant asked if the City of Norton had discussed the probability of building a sewer treatment plant. Mr. Pritchard said yes; they were in the beginning of negotiations, but it would depend on the water quality analysis of Wolf Creek. He explained that currently there are four package plants that are operated by Summit County and are at capacity or near capacity.

The Board thanked Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Binic for the information pertaining to environmental and sewer issues because they are a big part of a community's health.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers:

1.) Chairperson:

Ms. Spisak nominated to re-elect Mr. Karant for Chairperson. With no other nominations for Chairperson, the Secretary called for a motion. **Ms. Spisak moved to re-elect Mr. Karant as Chairperson; seconded by Mr. Braman. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Mr. Braman-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 3-0, re-electing Mr. Karant as Chairperson.**

2.) Vice-Chairperson:

Ms. Spisak nominated to re-elect Ms. Nancy Delnay for Vice-Chairperson. With no other nominations for Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary called for a motion. **Ms. Spisak moved to re-elect Ms. Delnay as Vice-Chairperson; seconded by Mr. Braman. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Mr. Braman-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 3-0, re-electing Ms. Delnay as Vice-Chairperson.**

B.) NHAB Vacancy:

Chairperson Karant reported that there was a vacant position on the Board now that would need to be filled. He suggested that if the members knew of anyone interested in the position, please have them contact Ms. Ann Campbell, Administrative Secretary.

C.) Proposed Norton Comprehensive Plan:

The Board discussed the proposed Norton Comprehensive Plan that was before Council at this time. Mr. Pritchard gave a brief explanation of the plan. Mr. Mark Spisak, Planning Commission Chairperson, stated that the Comprehensive Plan includes trails and green spaces with walkways, infrastructure, etc., which supports good health for the community. The Board decided to discuss this at a later time.

D.) 2007 Loyal Oak Cider Festival:

Chairperson Karant stated that he wanted Mr. Binic and Ms. Pam Heuber, BHD Sanitarian, to attend a Cider Festival Committee meeting before the event, in regards to vendors. He hoped that communication prior to the event could help avoid any problems similar to last year's. The Board thought this would be a good approach.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The NHAB discussed changing their regular meetings to the third Wednesday of each month. They asked the Secretary to check Ms. Delnay's availability for that time. The next meeting therefore would be announced later. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


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