

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, March 21, 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 7:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Daniel Karant, Nancy Delnay, Dalia Spisak, Ken Braman

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Binic, Environmental Health Director, BHD

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Tuesday, February 6, 2007, and Chairman Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Dalia Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Ken Braman. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Mr. Braman-Yea, Ms. Nancy Delnay-Abstain, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 3-0-1, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Status of Comprehensive Plan:

Mr. Braman reported that Council approved the Comprehensive Plan at their last meeting.

B.) Status of NHAB Vacancy:

Chairman Karant stated that the former Mayor selected someone to fill the vacancy on their Board and he gave a brief description of this person's background. He asked Mr. Braman if Council had approved this person. He said that he had not heard anything in Council pertaining to this matter, however he would check with the Clerk of Council.

C.) Updates on Norton Health Cases:

Mr. Ed Binic gave the following updates on Norton Health Cases:

- 1.) Summit C & D Disposal site on Wadsworth Road filed an appeal against the terms and conditions attached to their 2007 licenses. We were under specific direction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for most of the conditions. This case has an appointment at the Environmental Review. This is an appeals commission in Columbus called Environmental Review and Appeals Commission (ERAC) and it is set for Thursday, March 29, 2007. This is a formal, one-step-short-of-court type proceeding. Mr. Mike Lyons, Norton Law Director, helped with our initial response to their appeal. The new plan is an informal discussion with Summit C & D Disposal, at which time we want to resolve this issue at an informal step before the formal step.
- 2.) The BHD ordered a Norton resident to repair his septic system within thirty days and it has not yet been repaired. The resident questioned how it was installed years ago and questioned numerous other issues, which makes this a potential litigation issue. He went to Small Claims court and filed suit against the Barberton Health District (BHD) and the installer of the septic system. Small claims court ruled in favor of the installer and the BHD. The end result is that his thirty days for repairing the system has passed. The next stage will probably be to start legal action. He contacted the BHD today and informed them that he lost his job and does not know if he can afford the repair. A couple of weeks ago he was issuing mild threats against the BHD employees and even showed up at the BHD one morning. The police were contacted and they told him not to harass the BHD.

3.) Mr. Braman wondered if Mr. Cochran's son was going to continue his dad's suit since he passed away. Mr. Binic said that he has not heard anything pertaining to this matter.

4.) The last report on the Matney home on Houston Road was that solid waste material was being removed. There will be a progress check in the spring and if there has not been enough removed the BHD will probably request a grant from the Solid Waste Authority to clean up that property.

D.) 2007 Loyal Oak Cider Festival:

Mr. Karant reported that the 2007 Loyal Oak Cider Festival was scheduled for the last full weekend in September. He said that he, Mr. Binic and Ms. Pam Heuber, BHD Health Inspector, would be meeting with the Cider Festival Committee on April 11, 2007. He explained that since the festival is held largely on private property that lines public streets. There have been problems in the past with people who sell food on private property not being in compliance with legal issues. Mr. Karant said that this could possibly turn into a problem with contaminated food. He believed the Festival Committee should have an awareness of food legalities, which will hopefully help keep incidences, if any, to a minimum.

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

Mr. Binic said that there have been some major issues and discussions in Norton about the New Sewage Treatment System Rules pertaining to sanitary sewer tie-ins. He explained that he, Mr. Pritchard, Director of Planning and Community Development, the Summit County Health Department, a couple of regional planning groups, other city groups and other city planners have been meeting in an attempt to define the accessibility and the timeline. The group has an informal goal to have something that will be tolerable to most communities before the end of this year.

Mr. Karant wondered if businesses and residents were considered in the same category as far as benefits are concerned. Mr. Binic said they were separate issues. Mr. Karant said that there were not many available benefits. Mr. Binic said that the benefit issue only applies to the Summit County Department of Environmental Services (DOES) not Barberton. The crux of the problem is that functioning septic systems are not a health hazard, so why not use them until they fail. He said that there was some flexibility in the law and the BHD will exercise that.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) BBH Agenda:

Mr. Karant said that the Barberton Board of Health (BBH) omitted the NHAB on their last agenda. Mr. Binic said that was an oversight and they would be on the next agenda. Mr. Karant announced that the next BBH meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Norton Council Chambers.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Karant announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


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