

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, February 20, 2008**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in the Shirley L. McGuire Community Center Boardroom. Chairman 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: David L. Koontz, Mayor
Leanne Beavers, Barberton Health District (BHD)

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, January 16, 2008. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Braman. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Braman-Yes, Mr. Karant-Yes, Ms. Delnay-Yes. The motion passed 4-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant asked if there was any old business.

Ms. Leanne Beavers, Barberton Health District (BHD) introduced herself and stated she had the following updates for the Board:

A.) Summit C&D Landfill

On January 31, 2008 a meeting was held with the law firm that represents Summit C&D Landfill. This meeting was required by the Ohio Environment Review Appeals Commission to discuss the notice of appeal, which was filed by the Summit C&D Landfill owner. All issues were to be litigated during this appeal. Present in this meeting were Mike Lyons, Legal Council, representing the BHD, Mike Meusel, Solid Waste Program Coordinator-Environmental Division, Representing Summit C&D Landfill, Michael Seifert, Engineer, and the Summit C&D Landfill owner. This appeal stated the resolution of all issues pertinent to the 2000-2008 License Terms and Conditions Appeal had been an ongoing effort since February 2007. Results from the last meeting indicated all remaining and important issues had been resolved barring any further or unforeseen circumstances.

B.) Obesity Clinic

BHD has scheduled a meeting with the Superintendent of Norton Schools to start an Obesity Clinic within the Norton City School District.

C.) Norton Cider Festival

BHD has discussed moving the Norton Cider Festival to the Columbia Woods Park area. If this location would be selected, owners would not be involved and electric would be available. Chairman Karant discussed the Norton Cider Festival and the water condition at Loyal Oak area. There was discussion on alternative sites and sponsors for the Norton Cider Festival. Mayor Koontz stated the City has involvement with the Norton Cider Festival with the help of Ann Campbell, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor. He stated there might be a need to form a committee to assist Ann if she would require it. Mr. Braman discussed the Norton City Fair that used to be held at the Norton High School and the Barberton Speedway. He stated this City Fair seemed to run smoothly with no issues. Chairman Karant stated these issues could be brought up to the Committee for review. He said all Board members were invited to attend these meetings and participate in them. He said these meetings were held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Community Center Board Room, at 6:30pm. Chairman Karant stated it would be a good idea if members could attend at least one of these meetings.

D.) Influenza

BHD reports Influenza is hitting our area hard. Tests show three-fourths have tested positive for Type A and one-fourth tested positive for Type B. There was discussion on Influenza and the certain strains that were not covered by this years immunization. Ms. Delnay suggested the influenza information be televised on the City's local cable channel. Ms. Beavers stated she would have information available for the City. There was further discussion on the influenza vaccine and probable strains for the area. Ms. Beavers stated the local hospitals were full, but only with Type A and Type B strains. She stated if these individuals had flu shots, they probably would not need hospitalized.

E.) Annual Bike Ride

BHD Annual Bike Ride will be on April 26, 2008. This event is still in the discussion phase with multiple organizations.

F.) Kindergarten Registration

Ms. Beavers stated sign-up for Norton Kindergarten Registration would be in April.

G.) Norton Pub

Ms. Delnay stated Norton Pub issues would need to be discussed at a later date. She said its been a been a year and a half, the owner would need to be contacted soon.

H.) Sewer Tie-In Issues

Ms. Delnay stated she would like to discuss the sewer tie-in issues. She asked if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would be the enforcer of this project. Chairman Karant stated the sewer tie-in deals wiere two separate issues. He stated the first issue is the wait for benefit issues to be settled in the Loyal Oak area. He said the second issue is the Barber Road area. Chairman Karant stated he didn't think the EPA would need to be involved with these issues. Mr. Braman stated sewer might be included in the Cleveland-Massillon Road Widening Project. He further stated he thought Barberton would not have the capacity to handle this project. Mayor Koontz stated the sewer is at capacity near that area and has no place to go. Chairman Karant asked if there would be a timetable for this project. Mayor Koontz stated studies were being conducted now. There was further discussion on availability, fees and the tentative timetable of the sewer issue.

Chairman Karant asked if there was any old business; there was none.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant asked Mayor Koontz how the Norotn Health Advisory Board (NHAB) could assist the City. Mayor Koontz stated he would like to use the NHAB more often. He also stated he would like to make the Health Board more visible to the public.

Mr. Braman asked Mayor Koontz about the Mosquito Abatement District (MAD). There was discussion on MAD, the effects on the City and trap counts.

Ms. Delnay asked Mayor Koontz if it would be helpful to compile a list of areas within the community that have been discussed at their NHAB meetings and share the information with him. Mayor Koontz stated this list would be helpful information to have available at City meetings. Ms. Delnay stated all Board members have done a great deal of education outside the expertise of their own jobs. She said the NHAB has done a great deal of research and are involved as much as possible with the City.

Chairman Karant stated the BHD has invited the NHAB to many of its meetings and is very responsive. He stated this Health Board acts as a liaison between the two groups, but does not have enough contact with City Council to act on issues. Ms. Beavers stated the BHD does appreciate the advice and opinions of the NHAB. Mayor Koontz stated it would be a good idea to have Board members attend the City's Committee of the Whole meetings. Mr. Braman stated it would be a good idea for members to go to these meetings once a month.

Mayor Koontz stated the newest member of the NHAB, Michael Safron, was going to be a nice addition to this Board. The Mayor asked the members to go around the table and introduce themselves and what they do for a living.

Chairman Karant asked Mayor Koontz about the timeline on the conversion of the Community Center. Mayor Koontz stated ground breaking could possibly start June 1, 2008. There was discussion of conversions, timelines and secondary sites available for uses as a Community Center.

Chairman Spisak asked if there was any new business; there was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Karant announced that the next NHAB meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2008. 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~~



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/~~Member~~

4/14/08
Date