

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, April 16, 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, Dalia Spisak, Ken Braman, Michael Safron

ABSENT: Nancy Delnay

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Binic, Barberton Health District (BHD)

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, February 20, 2008. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Mr. Ken Braman moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Dalia Spisak. ROLL CALL: Mr. Braman-Yes, Ms. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Karant-Yes, Mr. Michael Safron-Abstain. The motion passed 3-0-1, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant asked if there was any old business. Ed Binic, Barberton Health District (BHD) stated he had the following updates for the Board:

A.) Sunset Trailer Park

Mr. Binic stated this area has been a continuous problem for many years. He stated there have been many violations and problems have not been corrected in a timely manner. He stated the Barberton Health Department (BHD) did an inspection of the trailer park, which included individual units. He said numerous violations were noted. He said in Norton this was compounded because the City of Norton does not have a property maintenance code. He said Mobile Home Park Laws and Regulations under which BHD license a mobile home park, generally cover the park in its entirety, not including each individual mobile home. He stated violations at this site include rotten stairs, skirting that is missing, and electrical problems. He said these types of violations are not usually covered in BHD comprehensive regulations. He said if a city has a housing code, the violations are normally covered by this type of enforcement program. In this case, Norton does not have a housing code to follow. He said that there are widespread problems in the park itself that fall under the BHD jurisdiction, but numerous violations are with individual units. He said BHD talked with the Prosecutor and issued Orders under the Mobile Home Park Laws and Regulations on around April 10th. He stated the owner has a combined 30 days and 60 days, depending on the violation, as corrective action dates. He said BHD would soon have a required list of each individual unit's owner from the Mobile Home Park operator. He said from this list, BHD would send out a second set of Orders to individual property owners under BHD's General Business Code. He stated this Business Code is a code that allows BHD to declare anything a public health hazard. He stated BHD intends to "Post" on individual units as soon as the required information is received from the Mobile Home Park operator. He said the owners were being very cooperative and have a certified electrician starting to repair electrical deficiencies in the park.

B.) Gary Nichols Property - 4466 Hametown Road

He stated this issue is regarding an on-site household sewage treatment system, which is an aeration unit. He stated there have been serious problems with this system. He stated approximately two weeks ago, BHD secured and executed an Administrative Search Warrant with the Norton Police Department, which included photographs of the system. He stated Orders are going out to Mr. Nichols to repair the system.

C.) Summit C&D Landfill

He said this was a very large site on Akron-Wadsworth Road that was growing. He said BHD is trying to help with environmental concerns at this site. He said these concerns include ground water and private water wells close to the area. He further stated the City of Barberton has two Municipal Well Heads less than one thousand feet from the site. Mr. Binic stated BHD submitted to Summit C&D ownership, the Terms and Conditions that BHD has attached to their current 2008 License. He said Summit C&D appealed these Terms and Conditions to the State Environmental Review and Appeals Commission (ERAC), which is a State Commission set up to oversee disputes regarding these types of issues. He stated for the last 4 months, BHD has been working with ERAC and with Mr. Mike Lyons who is BHD's contracted Attorney. He said BHD believes they have now come to a resolution with the Summit C&D ownership. He said the owner's engineer and legal staff have submitted a Revised Terms and Conditions to ERAC. He said shortly after this, BHD received a Motion to Intervene by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He stated this was a drastic move by the State of Ohio's EPA. He said BHD does not know how this will effect the Terms and Conditions that is on the table with Summit C&D now. He said the State is requesting formally to be on board now, since there was a Motion to Intervene. He stated this may be a grandfathered site and Mr. Lyons is aware of this issue. Ms. Spisak stated if this site is a danger and the groundwater may be harmful, we are basically trying to prevent danger to our community. She asked how they could be grandfathered into allowing contamination at this site. Chairman Karant stated only the location is grandfathered. He stated the EPA would step in to prevent further contamination.

D.) Norton Cider Festival

Mr. Binic stated through meetings and NHAB efforts, the Cider Festival went very smooth in the Loyal Oak area last year. Chairman Karant stated problems that did occur were because of the location last year. He stated the Cider Festival Committee would need to stay in touch and follow through with any issues on the new location site at Columbia Woods Park. He stated he would be contacting Blake Miller and Mike Meden to discuss further issues.

E.) Norton Pub

Chairman Karant asked for an update of the Norton Pub. Mr. Binic stated the Norton Pub was on the list to tie into the available City Sanitary Sewers. He stated BHD did grant the Norton Pub a twenty-two month extension deadline. He stated this deadline would be up in May of 2008. He said when this extension is up BHD will present it to the Board again.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant welcomed new member Michael Safron to the Norton Health Advisory Board. Chairman Karant introduced himself and asked the Board to go around the table and introduce themselves and explain their occupations.

Ms. Spisak asked if Mr. Mike Lyons, the City Law Director was leaving. Mr. Braman stated Mr. Lyons was leaving, but has agreed to stay until the City hires a new Law Director.

Chairman Karant asked how many septic systems Mr. Binic thought there might be in the Norton community. Mr. Binic stated his guess was approximately 2000 in the Norton community area. He further stated BHD has no records of septic systems that were put in long ago.

Chairman Karant stated he spoke with Mr. Rick Ryland, City Administrator. He stated their conversation reflected on BHD, and that the City was looking at the Summit County Board of Health (SCBH) as opposed to the BHD because BHD had no enforcement ability. Chairman Karant stated he would like information from Mr. Binic on the issue. Mr. Binic stated both the BHD and the SCBH have equal enforcement ability.

Mr. Braman stated Council discussed the location of the Canal Fulton Fire Department. He stated the City has hired the same architect that built this Fire Department. He stated the architect thinks the conversion of the Community Center is a good idea. He further stated this conversion does have issues that are positive and negative.

Mr. Braman discussed the Beldick Motel and their sewers. He said the State EPA is having a Hearing on this site, and will be advertised within the next 30 days, if there are any complaints. Chairman Karant stated this site has been an issue for many years. Mr. Binic said several months ago BHD prompted the EPA to re-evaluate the property. He stated as a result of BHD persistent requests and phone calls, the EPA is now following through with enforcement. He stated BHD is standing ready for follow up if needed.

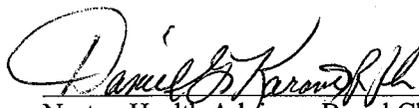
Mr. Braman reminded everyone that reflective address signs are still available through the Lions Club if anyone would like to place an order. He stated this information was published in the Beacon Journal last week and many orders were taken.

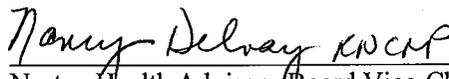
Ms. Spisak asked for an update on the Lake Dorothy project. Mr. Braman stated Pittsburg Plate & Glass (PPG) is still waiting on a bid from the City. Mr. Braman stated the City is checking into Grants and incentives for PPG. He stated this issue could be discussed at the next Council Work Session.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Karant announced that the next NHAB meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2008. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

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Date

