

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, June 18, 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, Michael Safron, Dalia Spisak

ABSENT: Nancy Delnay, Ken Braman

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, May 21, 2008. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Mr. Michael Safron moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Dalia Spisak. ROLL CALL: Mr. Safron-Yes, Ms. Spisak-Yes, Ms. Nancy Delnay-Abstain, Mr. Karant-Yes. 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.) Silver Creek Metro Park

In early June, the Barberton Health Board (BHD) was notified of a fish kill issue at this site. He said numerous water samples were collected and processed. BHD decided to not to close the beach, but to post an Advisory not to swim. The final analysis resulted in the conclusion that there was a depletion of the dissolved oxygen in the bottom waters of the lake, with the subsequent remixing of the lake following cold temperatures and high winds. He said both of these issues did occur around the time of the fish kill. He said the City was advised of the issue.

B.) Norton Pub

The Norton Pub was granted a twenty-two month extension to connect to the available sanitary sewer line by April 19, 2008. He said this time-line had expired. He said the owner was seeking funding on the issue. BHD felt the Prosecutor should be involved at this point. He said contact was to be made between the owner and Mr. Rick Ryland, Administrative Officer. He said the Norton Pub would stay on the list of businesses that have not tied into the sanitary sewer.

C.) Summit C&D

This site closed voluntarily for 30 days and did grading, seeding and mulching. He said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stated BHD was on the right track with this site. He said the landfill was complying with the latest Terms and Conditions submitted to them. He said two deep leachate extraction wells had also been installed. He said BHD is content with the progress at this site.

Ms. Spisak asked how the Norton Schools did on their latest inspection. Mr. Binic stated the Norton and Barberton Schools did very well. He said it was hard to make a comparison because this is the first year for the new set of regulations. He said new equipment and regulations were installed, so a comparison would be hard. Ms. Spisak asked what changed that required the new regulations. Mr. Binic said Jerrod's Law was passed and required.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant stated Monday night Norton City Council made a first reading to give Mr. Ryland the authority to opt out of the BHD contract. He said the BHD was on notice that the contract may not be renewed. He said this gives Summit County or anyone else the opportunity to bid. He said this is an Advisory Board and we are to listen to all sides of the situation. He said BHD has done a good job or better than Summit county ever had. He said BHD has cleaned up or responded to every issue the Norton Health Advisory (NHAB) Board has presented. He said our Board should not show any favoritism on this issue. He said the Board would need to find out where the concerns are and bring these issues to BHD for answers. There was general discussion on BHD and the concerns that might be addressed. Chairman Karant stated he would ask if Mr. Ryland would submit a list of concerns for BHD to answer.

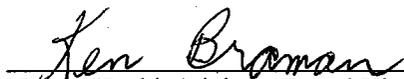
Chairman Karant stated Sunset Trailer Park was trying to clean up small problems when there were actually multiple problems existing at the site. He said the owners were very cooperative. He said the question was whether BHD had the legal authority to enforce this. He said had these people had enough money to fight this, would they have been able to do so. He said is the BHD being put in the position of bullying just because they can. He said this was the way it was presented at City Council. He said no one at Council responded to this. He said the NHAB is just an Advisory Board to the Mayor. He said we advise Council and the Mayor but cannot make policy. There was further general discussion on BHD and the issues that could be presented.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Karant announced that the next NHAB meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2008. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

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Date

