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NORTON

Mayor Mike Zita

Parks &Cemetery Board Memorandum

To: Karla R. Richards, Clerk of Council

From: Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary

Date: 1/12/12

Re: Approved/Signed Parks & Cemetery Board Minutes November 16, 2011

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Park & Cemetery Board meeting held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Please note that the original document has been forwarded to, and will be on file with the Clerk of Council for the official record.

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PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

The Park and Cemetery Board of the City of Norton, Ohio convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairperson Scott Testa called the meeting to order at 5:15p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Scott Testa, Lisa Merrick, Kelly Holderbaum, Pam Dixon, John Conklin

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

I. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Testa stated that he noticed the pad has been poured for the basketball court in the parking lot. Ms. Fisher stated yes but not sure when everything would be finished.

Chairperson Testa stated that he requested for a copy of the survey that was done back a few years ago and that there were 96 participants, he just wanted to allude to the information that Ms. Hlas brought up, and wanted to get another project going and he stated that the survey is just for discussion purposes and would like to have the board look it over and discuss it at the next meeting. Ms. Fisher stated the next meeting would be in January. Chairperson Testa stated that we would not have to stick to this but just to get some ideas flowing. Ms. Merrick stated that she was glad to see it since it puts into prospective what we have in the city. Ms. Merrick asked where Wilderness Park was and Mr. Conklin stated that was going to be his question and asked how many people know where Wilderness Park is? Mr. Conklin stated that it was an area of trees and it is where the service department stored the mulch for residents. Chairperson Testa asked how large the property was. Mr. Conklin was not sure, and he thought more than 2 acres but not more than 5 acres. Chairperson Testa stated that he would like to see the report put back out to the people to see what the people would want to done. Ms. Fisher stated that the applications were out for the lighting of the trees in Columbia Woods Park for December 3, 2011. Chairperson Testa asked if there was anymore new business. Ms. Dixon questioned about the Tree City application. Ms. Fisher was going to email Ms. Gibson and check for the information. Chairperson Testa asked if Lisa Merrick had any information and she stated that she was checking about new trees in the Norton Center cemetery to plant to replace the old ones when they die. They would like to get the new ones established before that happens. She stated she was going to check with Tom Dayton of Dayton's Nursery for his information of what kind of trees to replace them. Ms. Merrick stated that she and Ms. Gibson planted the tree that she had and they had to replant since it was in the wrong area. Ms. Merrick stated that she had a call from a Lois Noirot from Probate Court who worked for retired judge Bill Spicer and she has been working on getting a bronze marker for Edward Spicer at Western Star Cemetery and she has been waiting along time to get one.
Ms. Merrick stated that she should have the stone in about 6 to 8 weeks. Ms. Merrick stated she talked to Mr. Moss and she brought up about the historical sign like at Johnson Corners. Chairperson Testa stated that those are the kind of things to talk to Council with the cable money. There was further discussion concerning the memorials. Mr. Conklin stated that he always wanted to put in an historical marker at Loyal Oak and tried to get it as an eagle project but couldn't get someone to do it. Mr. Conklin stated that the marker he is talking about is like the ones in the Metro Parks.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Chairperson Testa called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Ms. Dixon moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Holderbaum seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Dixon – Yes, Ms. Holderbaum – Yes, Mr. Testa – Yes, and Ms. Merrick – Yes, and Mr. Conklin - Abstained. The motion passed 4-0 approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Chairperson Testa called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Ms. Holderbaum moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Merrick seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Holderbaum – Yes, Ms. Merrick – Yes, Mr. Testa – Yes, Ms. Dixon – Abstained, Mr. Conklin - Abstained. The motion passed 3-0 approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Testa stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, January 11, 2012. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Testa adjourned the meeting at 6:00p.m.

Parks and Cemetery Board Chairperson/or Vice-Chair

Parks & Cemetery Board Vice-Chair/or Member

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Date: