



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 3/16/12
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: February 16, 2012

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on February 16, 2012.

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

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Thursday, February 16, 2012**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairperson Safron called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mike Safron, Johanna Edwards, Dalia Spisak,, Cindy Mazey, Charlotte Whipkey

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Mike Zita, Cindy Mazey, Bob Hasenyager

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 12, 2011 and **Chairperson Safron called for a motion to approve them. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Edwards. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak – Yes, Ms. Edwards – Yes, Mr. Safron – Yes, and Charlotte Whipkey - Yes. The motions passed 4 – 0, approving the minutes as written.**

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Safron thanked Mayor Zita for attending the meeting and asked if the Mayor had any comments to share. Mayor Zita stated thank you for the invitation and that it has been awhile that he has been on the NHAB. Mayor Zita stated that he would like to find out what they board expected to be doing this year and now that the city is with the Summit County Health Department he would like to use this as a tool to see what is upcoming. Mayor Zita stated that he would like to find what their mission statement is and to see if we need a health advisory board at this time and if we do what are your goals and objectives are and he stated that he knows there are things out there. Chairperson Safron stated that he would see us serving as a liaison between the SCHD, the Mayor and the citizens. The board could actively seek out information and get the word out. Chairperson Safron stated that maybe to have information in the Post or other outlets that would help the citizens. Many times there are events or opportunities happening that aren't in the Beacon Journal and the information needs to be out. Chairperson Safron stated that if we can't come up with an active agenda then we really would have no need for monthly meetings. Ms. Whipkey stated that is what she is there for to relay it to the Council floor and so that way we would have that avenue. Mayor Zita stated that here in the upcoming year that they are going to look at the MAD and it was at the end of the year with the election that he spoke to Mayor Judge and they think that both of them are waiting for the dust to settle and they want to look at if they want to continue to some degree. There was more discussion concerning the MAD and SCHD for the mosquitoes. Mr. Hasenyager spoke about the way SCHD handles the mosquitoes. Mayor Zita stated there are a lot of perimeters that need to be looked at between both communities. Ms. Edwards stated that she attended the Board Members of MAD meeting and she spoke to a member of the Board of MAD and stated that they should come to the NHAB and show them the presentation. Ms. Edwards stated that the new regulations have to be held to a higher standard and they are going to have to meet the threshold. There was more discussion concerning the mosquitoes and MAD.

Ms. Spisak stated that the board was thinking that if the Mayor would like to have the board either as an adhoc committee or continue meeting every month as long as it would be useful. Chairperson Safron stated that as long as we have a useful agenda that we can bring that, then we could continue to meet monthly. Mayor Zita stated that on a side note you stated about getting things in the newspaper and that he has a monthly spot in the newspaper that we can put a few things in that and that Ms. Whipkey brought it up that she could bring it up on Council floor and the reporters are there and that should be put into the newspapers and that if there is something that needs to go out for like seniors then they would need to let the Mayor know so he may be able to get it in his spot. Ms. Mazey stated that until she came on the board, she never knew the stuff that was going on in the city.

Chairperson Safron stated that he and Ms. Mazey went to the SASWMA Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority meeting last year and were told that this service may not be available for 2012. After following up on this subject, he found they were going to be reopening again from July 3rd thru September 26th, 2012, information on what will be accepted is available at <http://www.saswma.org>. Ms. Mazey stated that they need to find where they are going to be accepting electronics and Mr. Safron stated that they do have a list on their website who is accepting the electronics. There were questions concerning the CFL lightbulbs and Chairperson Safron stated that the EPA website has the information concerning how to dispose of them. Ms. Edwards stated that the children's shoes with the lights that use mercury need to be disposed of properly. Chairperson Safron stated that also on the Summit County Health Department website has the information for the prescription drugs to be disposed of. Mayor Zita stated that April 28, 2012 is Norton's take back at the Medicine Shoppe. He stated that there will be Dan Karant and a police officer will be on hand for the take back. Ms. Mazey stated that she has a Sharps container and wanted to know how to dispose of it. Ms. Edwards stated that there are special things that can be done with them. Mr. Hasenyager gave the information on how to dispose of them.

Chairperson Safron asked if there was anymore new business for the meeting, and Ms. Spisak brought up about the schools and to keep in mind the children.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

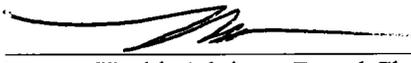
Chairperson Safron thanked Mr. Bob Hasenyager for attending the meeting tonight. Mr. Hasenyager stated that he would like to talk about what is happening in their department and one issue they are looking at is the fracturing for gas and oil well exploration and Summit County is served by about 37,000 individual drinking water wells. He stated that they are going to put information up on their website about the fracturing for the citizens to be informed. The information for the citizens talks about the different groups that can test the waters and there is a fee for the testing and what to test for. Mr. Hasenyager stated that the different steps cost from \$250.00 to \$700.00 dollars. The typical testing they do is for bacteria and nitrates in the well. Mr. Hasenyager stated they had applied for a grant to help with the homes with the lead based paint that have been built before 1978. SCHD has applied to expand the grant from not just Akron but to cover the whole county. Mr. Hasenyager asked if there were any questions concerning the report or the fracturing. Mayor Zita asked Mr. Hasenyager about the hydrostatic fracking versus hydraulic fracking and are we doing any of the drilling in Summit County and Mr. Hasenyager stated that there were no permits issued as of now. Mr. Hasenyager stated that fracking is not new but it is the grand size of it that we are seeing which is they come in and clear about 5 acres and put down a gravel pad for the trucks and equipment. Ms. Whipkey stated that she had seen on channel 5 about the wells and they had maps that showed where the wells are and which ones are plugged and where the active ones are. There was more discussion concerning the fracturing of oil and gas wells by Mr. Hasenyager and how the process is done. Chairperson Safron asked if the EPA is involved with the process and Mr. Hasenyager stated that they are working to have the rules for the state. Ms. Whipkey stated that with the process that if the citizen knows the business is going to be coming into the area it would be best to have the water tested in their well and then you would probably be able to know that the problem might be from the extraction. Mr. Hasenyager stated that yes but the changing of the geology could be a cause of the changes. There was more discussion concerning the fracturing of wells.

Ms. Whipkey questioned if there have been any letters of reprimand sent from the EPA to the city concerning the Clean Water Act, and Mr. Hasenyager stated that he is not aware of that but they would probably go to Mr. Pruet and/or Mr. Ryland if there have been any.

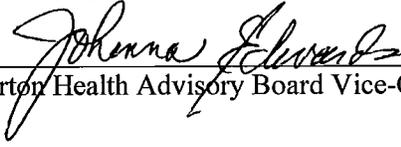
Chairperson Safron questioned about the funding for Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS and if this was still available to the citizens and Mr. Hasenyager stated that yes it is available and it is to help with the costs of HSTS repairs and the citizens that want to look into that would need to contact the Summit County Department of Community Development. Mr. Hasenyager stated that he thinks that it is a cost share program but the cost share from EPA is extremely high. Mr. Hasenyager stated that the monies from 2011 did not come in till late in the year so they are spending the 2011 money now. They are putting the paperwork in for 2012. Chairperson Safron asked Mr. Hasenyager about the fine level 4 for the smoke free places. Mr. Hasenyager stated that with the smoking violations the level 1 is like \$50.00 to \$100.00 and the violation can be raised for any more violations.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2012 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Safron adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.



Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

Date 3/15/12