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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: 1/17/13

Re: Approved/Signed Parks & Cemetery Board Minutes December 5, 2012

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Park & Cemetery Board meeting held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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, December 5, 2012

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 Lisa Merrick called the meeting to order at 5:10p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Lisa Merrick, Kelly Holderbaum, Neva Gibson, Scott Testa

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: John Conklin

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick stated that Mr. Ryland stopped in and stated that he talked about the Time Warner Cable Franchise fees. Mr. Testa stated that he wanted to bring Ms. Gibson up to date concerning the property on Woodbine and the city is thinking of buying it. Chairperson Merrick stated that there are 2 houses on the property and Mr. Testa stated that they could use the houses for the Fire Department to practice burning. Ms. Merrick stated that the land could be used for ball fields. Chairperson Merrick stated that Mr. Ryland also spoke about getting grant money for new playground equipment at Frashure Park and Mr. Testa stated that at least it is starting to take a step to get started on this. Mrs. Gibson stated that she would like to see the softball group who holds their games at Loyal Oak Park relocated to another park so that Loyal Oak Park could be just utilized for soccer. She feels that because the way the playing fields are set up, it is just a matter of time before someone gets injured. Plus, she stated that it would eliminate the disruptions to both sports when a neighboring ball enters the fields during competitions. Ms. Gibson asked if when Mr. Ryland was talking if he mentioned anything about Tree City and Chairperson Merrick stated no.

Chairperson Merrick stated the board would make a recommendation to the Council and Mayor that they do not want the Time Warner Cable fees to be used just for the parks only. The Board worked getting the resolution ready to make a motion.

Chairperson Merrick called for a motion to make Resolution 2012-03 for the Time Warner Cable Franchise Fees. **Ms. Gibson moved to make the recommendation and Ms. Holderbaum seconded the recommendation. ROLL CALL: Ms. Gibson – Yes, Ms. Holderbaum – Yes, Mr. Testa – Yes and Ms. Merrick – Yes. The motion passed 4 – 0 approving the recommendation.**

Chairperson Merrick stated she wanted to thank John Conklin for his service on the Parks & Cemetery Board and that Ms. Ruth Stimac will be taking over Mr. Conklin's seat. She will be starting on the board in January 2013.

There was more discussion concerning Frashure Park and the Time Warner Cable Franchise fees to decide what to use the money for.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick wanted to bring up the information for the cemeteries. Chairperson Merrick talked about the May 5th Western Star dedication for the Civil War. They installed a new bronze marker. There were other markers that were delivered and Chairperson Merrick had them taken to the service department. She also stated that she received flag standards and Chairperson Merrick found all the graves. Chairperson Merrick stated she met with Summit Memorial and they are willing to help out with the Norton Center

Cemetery and in the spring she is going to try to get started on it. Chairperson Merrick stated the headstones they found in Copley belong at the Portage Cemetery in Barberton and since the names on the stones and the style of the stones are the same they are sure they belong there.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, November 21, 2012. Chairperson Merrick called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Testa moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Holderbaum seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Testa – Yes, Ms. Holderbaum – Yes, Ms. Merrick – Yes, and Ms. Gibson – Yes. The motion passed 4 - 0 approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Merrick stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, January 16, 2013. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Merrick 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: