

PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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 5:04p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Lisa Merrick, Ruth Stimac, Kelly Holderbaum, Neva Gibson

ABSENT: Scott Testa

ALSO PRESENT: John Conklin

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick stated that she had talked to Tom Dayton and he is donating to the city a crab apple tree and a tulip poplar tree for Arbor Day. Chairperson Merrick stated that Tom Dayton said that other businesses should be involved with helping the city and he called Lucas Nursery and they are going to donate two trees and Chairperson Merrick stated she was going to get with Vern Tenney from the service department to find out where to plant them. Ms. Gibson stated that she had people wanting to donate trees last year and she spoke to Mr. Weinsheimer and never heard back from him. Ms. Fisher stated that Ms. Gibson should talk to Ernie Reynolds. Ms. Gibson stated that she would like to have Mr. Reynolds come to a meeting so they could meet him and speak to him about the parks. Chairperson Merrick stated she has a couple of thank you cards for the donation of the trees.

Chairperson Merrick stated she filled out the paperwork for the Tree Contest and the information that I sent in was not enough information for the contest. Chairperson Merrick stated she had information from Mr. Siewert but it was not enough for the contest application. She stated that she is going to take care of the information and get it resubmitted by August. Mr. Conklin stated he had another tree that he would like to have evaluated for the Big Tree contest.

Chairperson Merrick wanted to talk about Frashure Park and Ms. Fisher stated that she had received a call from a resident in the Frashure Park neighborhood and that he was a little upset about the playground equipment that was taken down and she told them about the tour the Parks & Cemetery Board and explained that the equipment was very dangerous for the children. Mr. Conklin stated that we need to look into grants to replace the equipment. Mr. Conklin stated that since Jeff Pritchard did the grants for Columbia Woods Park that maybe the board would want to contact him to tell the board how to do that. Ms. Stimac stated that she worked with Mr. Pritchard before on grants and that he was very good at finding money for the different projects. Ms. Stimac stated that the civil engineers came out and explored the parks and maybe we could have them do the same thing at Frashure. Chairperson Merrick stated that we need to get started on the grant information. Mr. Conklin stated that there have been at least three or four phone calls concerning the playground equipment being taken down. Ms. Stimac stated that with a grant she thought there had to be some matching funds and wondered if the cable franchise fees would be for that and Mr. Conklin stated that he is pushing for the funds to stay with the parks. Ms. Stimac was questioning about the slow pitch softball if they would be willing to pitch in on fixing the ball field with the city and Mr. Conklin stated that the slow pitch group does not have very many people and that most of the kids are turning over to fast pitch. There was more discussion concerning Frashure Park. Mr. Conklin stated that he would be talking to Mr. Caldwell from the schools concerning the ball field at the Middle School and get back to Ms. Stimac about the information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick stated that the Grave Groomers will be coming in October and they do have liability insurance and there is a charge for the seminar. Chairperson Merrick stated that she spoke to Summit Memorials and they told her that any help she needed they would be able to help her. She also stated that the sign for Western Star Cemetery has been attached to the fence. Chairperson Merrick stated that the people from the 1812 group contacted her and she wasn't sure if there were any more markers approved yet for the veterans in Summit County. She was contacted by Troop 132 Boy Scouts concerning flags for Memorial Day and stated that the VFW in Wadsworth puts the flags in Western Star. Ms. Gibson wanted to find out what happened with the information for Norm Kendall and Chairperson Merrick stated that she spoke to him again and told him that the Parks & Cemetery Board made a resolution to keep the new part of Western Star Cemetery with flat markers as the rules states. There was more discussion about Western Star Cemetery.

Mr. Conklin and Ms. Stimac talked about Frisbee Golf and stated that it would be great to have a small course in the park. Ms. Stimac stated that it is a growing game. Mr. Conklin stated that he took the tennis team out to Wingfoot Lake and they have a course there and there were a lot of people that were playing it there. Ms. Stimac stated that the Frisbees are not cheap. Mr. Conklin stated that he would like to see a course around the pond and come up around then toward the police parking lot. He stated that it would be a nine hole course and it has a galvanized post with a chain basket and he stated that he doesn't think it is that expensive to put in. Ms. Stimac stated that the people bring their own Frisbees. Mr. Conklin questioned Ms. Stimac if her son could do a preliminary drawing of a course for the park and Ms. Stimac stated that she would talk to him. There was more discussion about the Frisbee Golf and getting a layout in the Columbia Woods Park.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Chairperson Merrick called for a motion to approve the minutes however there were only two members at the meeting of February 13, 2013 so the minutes will be approved at the May 15, 2013 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Merrick stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, May 15, 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

Date:

Final minutes approved and signed at the meeting on May 15, 2013 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.