

PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, May 15, 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 5:00p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Lisa Merrick, Ruth Stimac, Kelly Holderbaum, Neva Gibson and Scott Testa

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: John Conklin, Jason Sams

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick asked Mr. Sams to come up and speak to the Parks & Cemetery Board. Mr. Sams stated that he is speaking as a resident only and that everyone on the board knows that Mr. Moss and he had been friends for a long time. Mr. Sams wanted to speak to the board concerning Mr. Moss and stated that Columbia Woods Park is a generic name and would like to have the park renamed the John Paul Moss Memorial Park and some people may say he didn't spend a lot of time here but he could say that John would have retired here and he spent week after week in the park. Mr. Sams stated that Mr. Moss was always there for the Norton Cider Festival day after day and for every event and he would like to have the name of the park changed. Mr. Sams stated that maybe another way is to rename the gazebo and to enhance the area around the gazebo also the boulder at the corner to have his face etched into the stone and he has many people to help financially with the project if the board recommends it. Ms. Gibson stated that she feels the same and had a few questions have you checked with the Administration and Mr. Sams stated that he brought this up to the board as a resident. Mr. Conklin stated that if the name gets changed for the park, he would like to see a nice sign and not one of the wooden things that are at the parks now. Ms. Merrick asked if there was any other discussion concerning this and the board discussed more about the renaming.

Chairperson Merrick asked Mr. Testa to speak about the duck he saved in Fairlawn. Mr. Testa stated that the duck is fine and that it was at Croghan Park in Fairlawn and that it was in a tree that had old kite string and the duck stuck in all the string and the duck was pretty bad. He stated that they took him to the Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital on Cleve Mass Rd. and they took care of him. Mr. Testa stated that the duck seemed to be fine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick stated that she had 15 people which included Boy Scouts from Troop 132 that showed up for the Clean Up day for the Norton Center Cemetery. Chairperson Merrick had Mr. Woodford from the scout group help her measure a tree for the Big Tree contest and a maple tree in the front of the cemetery was pruned. Chairperson Merrick stated that the tree did not measure up to the trees from previous years but still sent the information in for the contest. She stated that she had 26 bags of leaves and 4 to 5 piles of brush and they cleaned the flower bed and cut back some of the growth.

Chairperson Merrick stated that when she was in back of the Acme store for Clean Up day and found a piece of marble that was part of the column for the memorial for the veterans that was hit in the accident at the center of town. She found that it was the Fire Department that raised the money so the memorial could be placed in Williams Park.

Ms. Gibson stated she talked to Mr. Jeff Pritchard and he told her that the grant that he wrote was the Nature Works grant. Ms. Gibson stated that she looked up the grant paperwork on line and it is 36 pages and Mr. Pritchard stated that it is unfortunate that we missed the date to put it in since the due date is May. Ms. Gibson stated that we should have taken pictures of the equipment to show the people about the safety issues. Mr. Pritchard stated that if you have safety issues, usually it is a definite for the grant. Ms. Gibson stated that she printed out a list of the grant money that has been given out to the different cities that have received the money to fix the problems. She stated that there are so many different divisions that you can apply for. There was more discussion concerning the grants.

Ms. Stimac stated that she is going to set up a date with Mr. Conklin to get together with her son and friends concerning Frisbee Golf and getting some plans together and try to get a course for the park. She stated that they would like to get a tournament going for it and also maybe have the food trucks come in to kick it off. Mr. Conklin stated that he could possibly have it done as an Eagle Scout project to put it into the park.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Chairperson Merrick called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Testa moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Stimac seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Testa – Yes, Ms. Stimac – Yes, Ms. Merrick – Yes, Ms. Gibson – Abstained and Ms. Holderbaum - Abstained. The motion passed 3 – 2 Abstained approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

Chairperson Merrick called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2013. **Ms. Holderbaum moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Holderbaum – Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes, Ms. Merrick – Yes, and Ms. Stimac – Yes and Mr. Testa – Abstained. The motion passed 4 – 1 Abstained approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Merrick stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, June 19, 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 June 19, 2013 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.