

PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, June 19, 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, Neva Gibson

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: John Conklin

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick stated that the board would be looking at the property on Woodbine that the city is proposing to purchase and they have a map that shows the two properties. Mr. Conklin stated that Mr. Ryland is proposing to purchase it and make a softball field on it so that they could remove the softball teams off the Loyal Oak fields so that those fields could become a full soccer field. Chairperson Merrick questioned how large the property was and Mr. Conklin stated he wasn't sure how large they were and tried to see how the numbers are on the map to figure the size. Mr. Conklin stated that the intent is to demolish the houses and keep the storage unit to store lawn equipment for the service department. Ms. Stimac asked if the city was going to use the cable franchise fees and Mr. Conklin stated that he was sure that was it. Ms. Gibson questioned about the fees to televise the meetings and Mr. Conklin stated that the gentleman lost in the court so the meetings will continue to have the internet broadcasting. Ms. Stimac stated that until we know prices and is the city going to do the work on the softball field and Mr. Conklin stated that he doesn't think Mr. Ryland has thought that out this early. Mr. Conklin stated that he was wondering if the city acquires the property, would the residents be happy with a parking lot for the park and the other members of the board stated they would probably not be to happy. There was more discussion about the property and wanting to set up a time to tour the area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Merrick stated that we will be discussing the pictures from Columbia Woods Park from the beginning and asked Mr. Conklin about them. Mr. Conklin stated that these are the pictures from when the park was being planned and sign for the park. Mr. Conklin stated that he wanted to have a picture to be sent to Ms. Stimac of the park to have her son look at the Frisbee golf. Ms. Fisher stated that she would send out the GIS picture to Ms. Stimac. There was talk about the layout of the Frisbee golf concerning the back drive of the police department and the concerns of vehicles in the drive. Mr. Conklin stated that he had talked about the Columbia Woods sign and that was the reason he also wanted the signs. He stated that if the city could provide the material they might be able to have the masonry group from the school to make it. There was more discussion concerning the park and Frisbee golf.

Chairperson Merrick stated that they would go on to the next agenda item which would be Frashure Park. She stated that a couple of weeks ago she spoke to Mr. David White, the engineer from Summit County Engineers, and he had stated that the board should go with community development block grant first. Chairperson Merrick stated that he had told her that the board should have a plan layout of what the park should have before they go for the grant. Ms. Gibson stated she talked to Jeff Pritchard again and she took notes but she does not have them with her right now. Ms. Stimac stated that she worked on the grant with Mr. Pritchard on the grant for Columbia Woods and she stated she may have a copy of the grant. Ms. Fisher stated that Chairperson Merrick might want to set an appointment for her and Mr. White to go to Frashure Park and show him the situation that is there. There was more discussion concerning Frashure Park.

Chairperson Merrick stated that they will go on to the cemetery information and she stated that she received a letter anonymously and stated that she went to a house that people were just moving into and the husband brought up a headstone and she asked permission to check the property to see if there is any other headstones. Chairperson Merrick researched to see if there was any information with the name on the stone. She stated that there was no information

for the name. Mr. Conklin stated that Ms. Merrick had said that there was a cemetery called the Plaque Cemetery. Mr. Conklin asked what Ms. Merrick did with the headstone and Ms. Merrick stated she gave it to Vern Tenney to place it in the Norton Center Cemetery. Chairperson Merrick stated that she was contacted by Sharon Myers the head of the 1812 group and Ms. Merrick stated that she was able to get the funds together and Ms. Myers contacted Summit Memorials to have headstones made for Holland and Sumner Brown, and Gideon Hewitt and Christian Yerrick, they were 1812 veterans and Ms. Merrick contacted Summit memorials and they are going to deliver them to the service garage. Chairperson Merrick stated that she has to find where they are buried.

Ms. Stimac asked if anyone has contacted the board about the CiderFestival and Mr. Conklin stated that there was a meeting last night of the CiderFestival committee.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Chairperson Merrick called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Ms. Stimac moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Stimac – Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes, Ms. Merrick – Yes. The motion passed 3 –0. 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 July 24, 2013
and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.