

City of Norton
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 11, 2014

The Planning Commission of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers at the Safety Administration Building. Chairman Spisak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mark Spisak, Ralph Dowling, Larry Chiavaroli

EXCUSED: Bill Courson

ALSO PRESENT: Russ Arters, Superintendent of Building & Zoning

II. PUBLIC APPLICATIONS:

None

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Spisak stated since there were no applications this evening, he would continue to Old Business. Chairman Spisak stated he would like to have final discussion on Ordinance 856 - Skill Based Amusement Arcades and Chapter 1298.08 of the Norton Codified Ordinance. Chairman Spisak asked the Board if they had any questions. Mr. Dowling asked if the City required an Arcade License and a City Tag on all arcade machines. Mr. Arters stated he did have City Tags to place on each arcade machine. Mr. Dowling asked if these tags had an area on them for a signature and date. Mr. Arters stated the tags did include a signature, date, and a serial number. Mr. Dowling asked if the tags were like the old ones, but modified to meet the Chapters requirements. Mr. Arters stated the tags were modified slightly. The Board then went to general discussion on items in Chapter 856. Mr. Dowling asked if these arcades were approved by the Attorney General. Mr. Arters stated approval was done through the Police Department. He stated the Police Department did all background checks for arcade approval. Mr. Dowling asked if the arcade licenses were paid annually. Mr. Arters stated they were not paid annually. He stated that if a second owner

came in at a date later in the year, they were charged a full fee again. He stated the applicant could speak to the Law Director about the application fees and possibly getting the fees prorated. The Board discussed the correction of several clerical errors in the Chapter 856 document. Mr. Arters stated the Law Director missed correcting the two week timeframe limit for an arcade to find a location within the city. The Board had general discussion on if the applicants would need more than the two weeks to find a location. Mr. Ryan Nester, 1143 Canton Road, Akron, OH, 44312, approached the podium. He stated that it took him approximately 10 days for a realtor to help him find a location and then get back to him. Chairman Spisak stated this meeting was not a Public Hearing, but the Board would be glad to listen to Mr. Nester's comments. Mr. Nester thanked the Board for hearing him and asked if the Board would consider extending the time frame from two weeks to thirty days, to find a location. Mr. Ryan asked how many arcades were allowed in the City. Mr. Arters stated seven were allowed. Mr. Nester thanked the Board for their time and left the podium. Chairman Spisak thanked Mr. Nester for his comments and went to general discussion on site location time frames for arcade applicants. Mr. Dowling asked if there was a disadvantage to changing the time frame from two weeks to thirty days. Mr. Arters stated there was no disadvantage. Mr. Chiavaroli asked if there was a waiting list for the arcades to come into the City. Mr. Arters stated there was a waiting list. He stated three additional applications could be approved right away, for a total of seven in the City. Mr. Chiavaroli stated he would like to see the thirty day time frame approved for the arcade applications. Chairman Spisak asked if Mr. Arters could have the time frame changed to thirty days. Mr. Arters stated he would talk with the Law Director and have that item changed to thirty days in the documents. Chairman Spisak asked if there was any further discussion. **Chairman Spisak called for motion to approve the Resolution with changes. Mr. Dowling moved to approve the resolution with changes. Mr. Chiavaroli seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Dowling-Yes, Mr. Chiavaroli-Yes, Mr. Spisak-Yes. Motion to Approve passed 3-0.**

Chairman Spisak asked Mr. Arters if the completed spreadsheet on Zoning Codes had gone to the Law Director. Mr. Arters stated it had not been submitted to the Law Director yet.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Spisak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from February 11, 2014. Being none, Chairman Spisak asked for a motion. Mr. Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Chiavaroli seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Dowling-Yes, Mr. Chiavaroli-Yes, Mr. Spisak-Yes. Motion to Approve passed 3-0.**

V. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, Chairman Spisak announced the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Planning Commission Chair/
Vice-Chair

Planning Commission Vice-Chair/
Member

Date

*** ORIGINAL SIGNED DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL ***