

City of Norton
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 22, 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, Bill Courson

EXCUSED: Russ Arters, Superintendent of Building & Zoning

ALSO PRESENT:

II. PUBLIC APPLICATIONS:

None

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Spisak started discussion on Portable Storage Containers - (PODS). Mr. Courson stated he sent the Board additional information from other cities on Portable Storage Containers that seemed to cover just about everything. He stated Lakewood had good information listed in their document. Mr. Dowling asked if the draft for Norton's Portable Storage Container's was just like the Lakewood document. The Secretary stated the document was like Lakewood's with a few changes in it. Mr. Dowling stated he did see a situation of using these storage containers if there was a fire, but not just for long term storage. He stated he could also see using these storage containers if there was a natural disaster. He stated there was a need to set standards so these containers aren't in a front yard for long term. Mr. Courson stated he thought there should not be a permit fee for these containers. He stated there were only three of these companies in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Chiavaroli stated he did not see an issue with the use of these containers in the City. Mr. Dowling stated his only concern is long term use. He stated long term use could devalue a home. Mr. Courson stated the Planning Commission needs to be a non-political Board to discuss

these issues. Mr. Dowling stated if residents are calling Russ in the Building and Zoning Department at the City, then there could be an issue. He stated there are some neighbors that can't speak with each other and they need some type documentation to refer to. Mr. Courson stated he thought there would be no reason for a company to get a permit fee for these containers. Mr. Dowling asked if he thought only a resident should get a permit fee. Mr. Courson stated the Board should leave that up to Russ. Chairman Spisak stated he thought a permit fee would be a good way to track container use within the City. He stated these containers could possibly be used to store hazardous materials. Mr. Courson stated that the documents in front of them did not have "no hazardous materials" included in them. He stated this would be good to include in the new document. Mr. Dowling asked the Board their thoughts on a 30 to 45 day continuous use of the storage containers. There was continued general discussion. Chairman Spisak stated that the owner of the container should also show proof of insurance. He stated this draft document should possibly be updated and discussed on the Board for one more meeting. He stated he would like to talk with Russ more about the hazardous materials, etc. Chairman Spisak asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Spisak asked if there was any New Business to discuss. Mr. Courson asked if the Board knew if sidewalks were to be included on the Cleveland-Massillon Road Widening Project. He stated he has seen people walking on this road all the time. Chairman Spisak stated sidewalks were not included. He stated some areas will have them, but not the whole way down the street. He stated he will bring the issue up and see if more Grant Money is available to get sidewalks done. Mr. Courson stated even an asphalt trail would help. Chairman Spisak stated as the Planning Commission Board, we can address this issue and discuss it further.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Spisak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from April 8, 2014. Being none, Chairman Spisak asked for a motion. Mr. Courson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Dowling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Courson-Yes, Mr. Dowling-Yes, Mr. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Chiavaroli-Yes. Motion to Approve passed 4-0.**

V. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, Chairman Spisak announced the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Planning Commission Chair/
Vice-Chair

Planning Commission Vice-Chair/
Member

Date

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