

# PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

The Park and Cemetery Board of the City of Norton, Ohio convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Vice-Chairperson Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

## ATTENDANCE:

**PRESENT:** Ruth Stimac, Neva Gibson, Ada Waltz, Tracy Ranier

**ABSENT:** Bill Courson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Valerie Wax Carr

## NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-Chairperson Gibson stated that she sent the letter for Adopt a Spot to Ms. Carr and she met with her and there are changes that need to be made and she asked Ms. Carr if she wanted her to send the letter to the board and Ms. Carr stated that she would like to meet with Ms. Gibson again before she sends it out. Ms. Carr stated that she would like to revamp the clean up day and make it a more celebration when the people come to get them pumped up before they go out and clean up. Chairperson Stimac stated that she keeps getting approached concerning the center of town and why we haven't decorated that much since it is the center and maybe if we get a sponsor maybe they can decorate that area. Ms. Carr stated that she doesn't want to deviate from the agenda but she has asked about the decorations but with the high level of vandalism that is why it came down to the park and she is looking into the area and maybe getting a banner or other things and once she checks into it she will get back to the board. Chairperson Stimac stated that they used to have a big wooden Season's Greetings sign and maybe we can check to see if it is still able to be put in the park. Ms. Carr stated that she would check and see and then get back to the board.

Chairperson Stimac asked Ms. Waltz for information on the gazebo in Williams Park. Ms. Waltz stated that she checked with the Lion's Club and she stated that they are having a meeting January 27, 2014 at 6:30pm at Houston Hall and they are having a dinner and the tickets will be \$10.00 and a cash bar. She stated that the Kiwanis and the Lion's Club and she thinks the Women's Club are going to be there and they are going to take a look at the gazebo to see what can be done. They would like to try to see what needs to be done and it will be discussed at the meeting. Ms. Gibson stated that the Lion's Club members made the top of the gazebo because it used to be just the stone area. Ms. Carr stated that she has met with the Kiwanis but has met with just a few of the Lion's Club. Ms. Carr asked Ms. Waltz if they were going to try to pull together do it as a civic project so if that the idea that they would like to do that would be awesome. Ms. Carr stated that we have people that can do carpentry that may be able to help. Ms. Gibson stated that the masonry department at the school and they also do carpentry that they might want to be involved. Ms. Waltz stated that since it is the center of town the gazebo should be repaired. Ms. Carr stated that once the gazebo is completed that they may want to do a rededication and recognize the people involved in redoing it. Ms. Fisher stated that is what Lisa Merrick had done when they had the Western Star Cemetery cleaned and Summit Memorial came out and fixed some of the stones, they rededicated the cemetery and Ms. Gibson stated that some dressed in revolutionary clothes and it was done very well. Ms. Ranier asked if Adopt a Spot included the cemeteries and Ms. Gibson stated yes. Chairperson Stimac stated that we need to make sure to contact June Meier and Julie Miller concerning Adopt a Spot since they have a flower shop on Barber Rd. she was sure that they would be very interested in helping. Ms. Waltz stated that the Kiwanis would probably be interested in doing around the Community Center since that is where the meetings are held. Ms. Gibson stated that the signs for Adopt a Spot she has talked to Ms. Carr and stated that we would look into having the service department make the signs. There was more discussion concerning the Adopt a Spot. Ms. Carr has worked with Ernie Reynolds from the service department and choosing areas for the Adopt a Spot places.

Ms. Waltz stated that the Tree City Academy was very good. She is doing freshman class now and she is planning on doing the other classes. Ms. Waltz stated that she has a lot of homework with Tree City class. She stated that it was unfortunate that we didn't get it this year. Ms. Ranier asked if it has to be renewed every year and Ms. Gibson stated yes. There was more discussion concerning Tree City and Adopt a Spot.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

The board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Chairperson Stimac called for a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2014. Ms. Ranier made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Waltz seconded the motion. **Roll Call: Ms. Ranier – Yes, Ms. Waltz - Yes, Ms. Stimac – Yes, Ms. Gibson. The minutes were approved 4 - 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Stimac stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, November 19, 2014. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Stimac adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.

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Parks and Cemetery Board Chairperson/or Vice-Chair      Parks & Cemetery Board Vice-Chair/or Member

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Date:

Final minutes approved and signed at the meeting on November 19, 2014 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.