

City of Norton
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

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,
Marion Peterson, Ruth Stimac

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT:

II. PUBLIC APPLICATIONS

None

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Spisak stated the Board would be discussing the issue of swimming pools again at tonight's meeting. He stated a good place to start may be to discuss that a 24 inch deep pool and below would require no permit, but anything above that height would require a permit. He stated that covering a pool when no fence is around it could also be discussed. He stated by covering a pool, it would protect children and help with mosquito control. He asked if the Board members had any thoughts on this issue. There was general discussion on how other cities regulate swimming pools. Mr. Chiavaroli stated he thought the Board should focus on pool depth, fencing, set backs, and if an electrical install was required. Chairman Spisak stated he thought electrical installs may only be required for larger pools. He stated that if electrical components were included when the pool was purchased, than a electrical permit would definitely need to be

addressed. Mr. Dowling stated the Board would need to define what a temporary swimming pool is. Mr. Chiavaroli stated most cities seem to focus on the pool depth. He stated the pool may be temporary, but the risk is always there. Ms. Stimac agreed and stated with vacations, etc. and no fences around pools, this risk is very true. She stated the City of Green requires a locked gate and set back requirements if a pool is above grade level. She stated the City of Stow requires a fence around any pool with a depth of 24 inches or 600 gallons of water. There was further discussion on pool depth and regulations required. Mr. Dowling stated the City of Wadsworth has regulations that require rear and side lot set backs. He stated the Board should also discuss that the City restrict pools in a front yard. Mr. Peterson suggested using the City of Wadsworth's regulations as a template. He stated Wadsworth seemed to have the clearest restrictions of all surrounding cities. Mr. Chiavaroli asked if the City currently had restrictions for front yards. Chairman Spisak stated the City did not. He stated the Board would need to address the issue. Chairman Spisak suggested the Board site Code 1296 when forwarding their suggestions. Mr. Peterson stated Munroe Falls was another city which had very clear regulations on pools. Mr. Chiavaroli asked if the Board was in agreement on two issues. Issue one, the pool would be 24 inches and below. Issue two, would be no pools allowed in a front yard. The Board all agreed that this was correct. Mr. Chiavaroli suggested any pool that was greater than 24 inches, would need to adhere to the City's set back requirements. Chairman Spisak stated this volume of water would also need to be away from a neighbor to prevent flooding when emptying. Mr. Dowling suggested looking at drainage issues. He stated the pool should not be discharged into the septic system or sewage system. Chairman Spisak stated if a resident would get water delivery for their pool then discharge the water into our drains, it would not be fair to the utility company. Chairman Spisak stated he would summarize the ideas at tonight's Board meeting and email it to the Board Secretary to distribute at the next meeting on July 28th, 2015. He stated the Board could have some decisions made by then and submit the information to the City Attorney for his review.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

None

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Spisak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from February 24, 2015. Mr. Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Dowling-Yes, Mr. Peterson-Yes, Mr. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Chiavaroli-Abstain, Ms. Stimac-Abstain. Motion to Approve passed 3-2.**

Chairman Spisak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from June 9, 2015. Mr. Chiavaroli made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Dowling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Chiavaroli-Yes, Mr. Dowling-Yes, Mr. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Peterson – Abstain, Ms. Stimac-Abstain. Motion to Approve passed 3-2.**

V. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, Chairman Spisak announced the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 28th, 2015, pm. Chairman Spisak adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.

Planning Commission Chair/
Vice-Chair

Planning Commission Vice-Chair/
Member

Date

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