

# **PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

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 5:35p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Valerie Wax Carr, Jesse Prather

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Fisher introduced Mr. Jesse Prather to the board and explained that he was sworn in before this meeting but he is not officially on the board until March when the term starts. Ms. Wax Carr stated that he has had cemetery experience.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Gibson asked Ms. Wax Carr to give an update to the board concerning Adopt a Spot. She stated that they have gotten nine groups for sure to have a spot in the city. Ms. Gibson stated she has a Boy Scout group that wants to do the planting around the Columbia Woods gazebo. Ms. Wax Carr stated that she would like to have a meeting of the planters in March so they can go over the information concerning the flowers. She has also talked to Tom Dayton of Dayton's Nursery about the flowers and planting and he is aware there are a couple of places that said they would help with the flowers. Ms. Gibson stated that Springtime Flowers on Greenwich Road would like to help and also give a short class on how to plant the flowers to the groups. Ms. Ranier stated she applied for the grant and explained that it is a 30 day lee way to hear and she wrote it for \$1,200.00 for generic shirts and she said she tried to find the place for the new shirt company. Ms. Wax Carr stated that since they are revamping Clean up Day and wanted to know if the board would be opposed if they get enough money to have some of the tee shirts for the Clean up Day also and the board was for it. Ms. Ranier stated that in the past they gave so many tee shirts to the organization and then if they wanted more they would get orders and pay for them.

Ms. Wax Carr stated that she wanted to talk about Arbor Day and they have not gotten the invitation yet but she talked to the family of June Maier about the planting and Ms. Julie Miller stated they would like to be involved with the write up. Ms. Wax Carr stated that she would need to know who is going so they can have an idea to the city can pay. She wants to have the clean up people stay for the Arbor Day ceremony and maybe have something like blowing bubbles. Chairperson Stimac stated that if they do the bubbles she has connection with Akron Novelty. She also stated that she is going to need help and would like to have the board be active with the clean up with different areas. The Clean up Day and Arbor Day is set for April 25, 2015. There was more discussion concerning the Adopt a Spot.

Chairperson Stimac stated that the focus for the agenda in March it will be for the Clean up Day and Arbor Day ceremony. Ms. Ranier also stated that she would like to briefly speak about the Little Libraries which concerns having different areas in the city with boxes that are built for book swaps throughout the summer. Ms. Fisher stated that the board will also be doing elections at the next board meeting so be prepared to have your nominations ready for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the appointment to the Planning Commission.

The board updated Mr. Jesse Prather on what the concerns are of the Parks & Cemetery Board wants to do and where they want to go with the board. Ms. Waltz stated that there were three organizations that are looking at taking

care of the gazebo in Williams Memorial Park in the center of town. The board told Mr. Prather that they have come up with a mission statement which is now on the web site. Chairperson Stimac stated that she understood that Mr. Prather has dealt with cemeteries and he spoke that they may need to look at infusing a little money into the cemeteries. Ms. Waltz also explained that the cemetery in the center of town does not allow any burials and that the records for the cemetery were destroyed and there is no information of who is buried there.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

The board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Chairperson Stimac called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2015. Ms. Waltz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion. **Roll Call: Ms. Waltz – Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes, Ms. Stimac - Yes, Ms. Ranier – Yes. The minutes were approved 4 - 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Stimac stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, March 18, 2015. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Stimac adjourned the meeting at 6:45p.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 March 18, 2015 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.