

# PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

## Wednesday, April 15, 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:** Ada Waltz, Tracy Ranier, Neva Gibson, Jesse Prather

**ABSENT:** Ruth Stimac

**ALSO PRESENT:** Valerie Wax Carr

### NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson stated that they would appoint the person to the Planning Commission and asked if information was gathered about the payment and Ms. Fisher stated the information was found and the board appointed Ruth Stimac as the Planning Commission representative.

Chairperson Gibson stated that next on the agenda is talking about the fill dirt from the schools and Ms. Wax Carr stated that she will be having a meeting with the schools and she will be talking to them about the dirt. She stated that the city has dirt that has been cleaned and it is almost at capacity at the area we have that we keep it at. Mr. Prather stated that normally the contractors usually costs to have the dirt hauled away and he has talked to Lisa Merrick and stated that there is plenty of room at the service department. He stated that if we have an abundance that we could sell the dirt and Ms. Wax Carr stated that when you sell the dirt it has to be cleaned what we do is we rent a trammel to put the dirt through once a year and in the summer for a month since it costs \$9,000.00 a month to rent it and we try to have the clean fill. Mr. Prather stated that since he worked in cemeteries, he knows that you need to have fill dirt for the cemeteries that we can use to fill so water isn't laying on the graves. Ms. Wax Carr stated that she will look into the idea of the schools and the dirt that is excavated. Ms. Ranier asked Mr. Prather if he thinks there is a need for the extra dirt at the cemetery and he stated that every cemetery that he has worked at has had low lying areas and there is water lying on the graves and that is not what is needed. Chairperson Gibson asked Mr. Prather since he talked to Ms. Merrick about the cemeteries and if he had any information he would like to let the board know and he stated that he did talk to her and found she did do a lot of looking into information about the cemeteries and not just the ones in Norton but also other local cemeteries. He stated that she gave him a book that he shared with the board members. Ms. Ranier asked Mr. Prather if he had gone to any of the graves and he stated he hasn't made it to them yet but he is going to go. He talked about the pricing of the cemeteries and about the area does not have a lot of ground to expand and that the Norton Center Cemetery they talked about the White Oak trees are old and that maybe a new White Oak be planted there but since the records had been destroyed when they dig they may be digging up a plot. Ms. Wax Carr stated that she is talking to Tom Dayton and he is going to donate one White Oak tree for the city to plant.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson stated that the board will talk about the Green Up Norton Community Work Day. She stated that she talked to Nicky at Springtime Flowers on Greenwich Rd. and talked about the gardenias and she stated that where ever she gets her plants she is going to check to see if she can get a plant and asked if she would donate it to give it to the Maier family. Ms. Wax Carr stated that they were looking at a gardenia since that was June Maier's favorite flower and Ms. Gibson stated that since she was to be the speaker but she is not going to be able to do it so they could do it as a donation. They will still have a person from Twinbrooks Garden Club to speak to the planters for Adopt a Spot about how to plant and take care of the flowers.

Ms. Wax Carr showed the board the different pieces that will need to be put in the bags that will be used for Green Up Day for the children and the adults. She did a run down of the schedule for the Green up Norton Work Day. Ms. Wax Carr stated that they are going to do a raffle and the prize will be a rain barrel. There will be no cost for the raffle but everyone will get a ticket. Ms. Waltz stated that it wouldn't be bad to have a rain barrel at each spot and Ms. Wax Carr stated that future plans may be able to have that. Ms. Wax Carr gave the run down of the sponsors for the Adopt a Spot. There was more discussion concerning the Adopt a Spot. Ms. Wax Carr stated that the hand board with the hand prints will be left up at the front of the Administration Building for all to see.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

The board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2015. Ms. Waltz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Ranier seconded the motion. **Roll Call: Ms. Waltz – Yes, Ms. Ranier - Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes and Mr. Prather - Yes. The minutes were approved 4 - 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Gibson stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, May 20, 2015. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.

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Parks and Cemetery Board Chairperson/or Vice-Chair

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Date:

Final minutes approved and signed at the meeting on May 20, 2015 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.