

# PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, June 17, 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. Chairperson Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.

## ATTENDANCE:

**PRESENT:** Ada Waltz, Tracy Ranier, Neva Gibson, Jesse Prather

**ABSENT:** Ruth Stimac

**ALSO PRESENT:** Charlotte Whipkey

## NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson asked Mr. Prather to speak about the benches. Mr. Prather stated that he had a couple ideas that the board should consider, whether we need to rent the benches on a monthly rate or if there are key spots that they would want then they should pay more for the key spots. He stated that they could auction the benches to have everyone pay a flat and rotate the signs. Mr. Prather stated that if we sell the benches to the business and put their sign on it then we could consider a two (2) year agreement. He stated that he was considering a fee of like twenty seven dollars (\$27.00) a month if they wanted to rent them. Chairperson Gibson asked Mr. Prather how he came up with the amount and he stated that he wanted to make it very economical. Chairperson Gibson asked if he checked on materials and he stated that you can get a lot of different benches and if it was up to him he would like to have the vinyl benches so they would last longer. Chairperson Gibson stated that she is pretty sure that the masonry group has used the material before and they do carpentry work so that would be a good project for them and they get the material wholesale. Ms. Ranier stated that it would be a good project for the scouts and said that there are some that are coming of age to do their Eagle Scout project and they would furnish the whole project. Mr. Prather stated that the board needs to decide whether we want regular size benches or oversize benches. The board also stated that they would need to be permanently placed in the ground so they would not be walked off with. Mr. Prather stated that there are many ways to put the advertisement on. Mr. Prather stated that he was considering about seven (7) benches to start with and to have them in the immediate area and some benches in front of Administration building and Community Center also. Ms. Ranier asked is Ms. Whipkey had a question and she asked since you were thinking of selling advertisement and asked what they would be doing with the money. Mr. Prather stated that would be the money to purchase the materials for the benches and Ms. Whipkey stated that would be money that would be brought in continuously and Mr. Prather stated the recurring revenue would like to generate. Ms. Whipkey stated that you would probably need to have some kind of legislation to say that the money is for the Parks & Cemetery and can't be touched for anything else. Mr. Prather stated there is another thing that he would like to place on the agenda for August that we look into having Memorial bricks for the veterans of Norton. He would like to have the bricks place by the Veterans Memorial in the front of the Administration Building.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson stated we will have Ms. Waltz talk about the Tree Commission. Ms. Waltz stated that graduation will be June 30, 2015 and the board should have received a save the date letter so they can go and it is at the Natatorium in Cuyahoga Falls. She stated that she needs pictures and she has to do a power point presentation for the graduation. She stated that the city has been awarded the Tree City USA award. Ms. Waltz stated that the class has freshman, sophomore, junior and senior class which are all 2 day all day classes. Ms. Waltz stated that she learned some about trees but a lot of it was concerning how you become a Tree City and she feels that the men from the service department really need to go to the classes.

Chairperson Gibson wanted to go to the next item which was update on Adopt a Spot and asked Ms. Fisher to give them the information which Ms. Wax Carr gave her. Ms. Ranier stated that she would like to talk about the Adopt a Spot and she stated that her area was Helmick Park and when they were there they looked at the playground equipment and she stated that the city needs to take a close look at it since the paint is peeling and the teeter totter is broken and Ms. Fisher stated that they saw that on the tour from the Parks & Cemetery board. Ms. Ranier stated that it was quite alarming and it really needs to be taken out. She stated she knows that they are just recommending board and Ms. Fisher stated that they do a resolution to the Mayor. Chairperson Gibson stated that we could do a recommendation. Ms. Gibson asked Ms. Fisher about what Ms. Wax Carr had information on and Ms. Fisher stated that 2 places have not been done yet but is getting ready to do so. She stated that the sign for Mr. Prather is getting

ready to be changed with the right spelling and that the schedules for the baseball fields have not been done yet and they are waiting until after the sign ups have been done. Chairperson Gibson stated that she has seen most of the spots and they all look great. Ms. Waltz stated that even though there were a few hic cups, the program has been great. Ms. Ranier stated that you can go to Tom Dayton's and pick up fertilizer to put on the flowers. She stated that it is a liquid fertilizer and you can pick it up weekly she stated you take your own container and you mix it with water. Chairperson Gibson stated that Nicky from Springtime Flowers dropped off pots of flowers at the Fire Department and she donated all the pots in front of the entrances.

Chairperson Gibson stated next is the gazebo project. Ms. Waltz stated that Ms. Wax Carr stated that the masonry class did an awesome job and the article was very good except for the fact she did not put in the article who donated the money for the supplies and tools and to let everyone know it was the Kiwanis, Lyons Club and the Women's Club and it should have been in the article. She stated they need estimates on repairing the top part and Ms. Wax Carr stated that she has one but would like to have two (2) more estimates. Ms. Gibson stated that maybe they could use the carpentry class from Wadsworth where there are Norton students are in the class.

Chairperson Gibson stated that she sent the schedule to Mr. Newman for the baseball fields and until they get the new schedule that is what he needs. Ms. Whipkey asked if that was the gentleman that came to Council and Ms. Fisher said yes. Ms. Whipkey stated that he received eight (8) day and Mr. Prather stated that if he got twice as much as he wanted the issue should be done. Ms. Ranier stated that if Mr. Prather talks to Ms. Wax Carr please talk to her about Helmick Park that is the playground comes down that it could be used for youth soccer for revenue to come in.

**Chairperson Gibson read the resolution for the Helmick Park playground.**

**Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to make Resolution 2015-01 for the Removal of Playground Equipment at Helmick Park. Ms. Ranier moved to make the recommendation and Ms. Waltz seconded the recommendation. ROLL CALL: Ms. Ranier – Yes, Ms. Waltz – Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes, and Mr. Prather – Yes. The motion passed 4 – 0 approving the recommendation.**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

The board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2015. Ms. Stimac made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Prather seconded the motion. **Roll Call: Mr. Prather - Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes and Ms. Waltz – Yes and Ms. Ranier – Yes. The minutes were approved 4 - 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Gibson stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, August 19, 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 August 19, 2015 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.