

PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, August 19, 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 5:10p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Ada Waltz, Tracy Ranier, Neva Gibson, Ruth Stimac
ABSENT: Jesse Prather
ALSO PRESENT: Charlotte Whipkey

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson introduced Bridgette from the Barberton Herald. She asked Ms. Whipkey if she wanted to speak to the board about anything and Ms. Whipkey stated not at this time.

Chairperson Gibson stated that Mr. Prather would not be present at the meeting and would pass over the memorial stones. She stated that he told her he was feeling a little better. Chairperson Gibson stated that everyone should have received a copy of the lease agreements and that if there were any questions we would need to contact Ms. Wax Carr. Ms. Ranier stated that she had read it and that it looked good to her and Ms. Waltz stated that same. Ms. Stimac questioned if this was just in draft stage and Ms. Fisher stated that she thought it was just a draft and Ms. Wax Carr was just waiting to see if the board had any questions with it. Chairperson Gibson stated that she only had one question but she would talk to Ms. Wax Carr about it but that it was presentable the way it was.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson asked Ms. Ranier about the Little Libraries. Ms. Ranier stated that the Little Libraries is a nationwide program and she talked to the library and they had a family that wanted to donate it on behalf of their family and the houses that they made were beautiful and the service department did a beautiful job with the bases and she stated that the city donated the bases. She stated that the grant included starting with brand new children's books but as the article explains it is not just for the children but for all ages to be able to use and to bring in one and take one. The libraries are at Columbia Woods Park, Williams Park and Loyal Oak Park. She stated that there are books already in the little libraries. Ms. Waltz asked who is going to maintain and keep an eye on them to make sure there are books in there and Ms. Ranier stated that it is a joint effort with Friends of the Library and a few others including herself that will be keeping an eye on them to make sure there would not be any trash in them either. Ms. Stimac stated that she would be able to keep an eye on the one in William's Park since she is across the street. Ms. Waltz stated that people can put adult books in there and Ms. Ranier stated that yes it is for all genres.

Chairperson Gibson stated she received an email from the Twin Brooks garden club which was about the adopt a spot and wanted to say how nice the corner looks and Ms. Gibson wanted to say thank you to Cindy Webel who helped her with the spot.

Chairperson Gibson stated that she brought a card for Mr. Prather. Ms. Gibson stated that she would probably ask Ms. Ranier for her help since she is going to be doing a grant for playground equipment.

Ms. Fisher asked if everyone looked at next year's calendar to see if there were any corrections that were needed and stated she needed to get this calendar checked by the Council Clerk Ms. Richards to approve it. No one had a problem with the calendar.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 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 and Ms. Gibson - Yes. Ms. Stimac - Abstained. The minutes were approved 3 - 0 - 1 Abstained.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Gibson stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, September 16, 2015. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:30p.m.

Parks and Cemetery Board Chairperson/or Vice-Chair

Parks & Cemetery Board Vice-Chair/or Member

Date:

Final minutes approved and signed at the meeting on September 16, 2015
and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.