

PARKS & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, September 16, 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 5:03p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Ada Waltz, Tracy Ranier, Neva Gibson, Ruth Stimac and Jesse Prather

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Valerie Wax Carr

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson asked Ms. Ranier to talk about the Summer Rec Program. Ms. Ranier stated that she is getting ready to try for three (3) grants to help with the program. She stated that she was thinking that Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 11:30am for 6 weeks beginning the week after Safety Town. Ms. Ranier stated that it would be for first through fourth grades. She stated that she is thinking the price should be thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a child she stated that would include a tee shirt and she wanted to keep it a nominal fee and the grants could help also. Ms. Ranier said she is going to have some of the students that need service hours at the school to help. Chairperson Gibson stated that the Women's Club would be able to help with the students. Ms. Ranier stated that she wanted to make sure that if the board would need to get the information to the Council and Ms. Wax Carr stated that it wouldn't need to go to Council since you are not asking for money. Ms. Waltz stated that Ms. Ranier may want to present the information to the Kiwanis to see if they would help. Ms. Ranier stated that she would like to go forward with the information. The board agreed for her to apply for the grants.

Chairperson Gibson asked Mr. Prather to talk about the Memorial Stones for veterans. Mr. Prather stated that he would like to find out how many bricks were left from the Eagle Scout project so they could make sure the bricks match unless we do some kind of design. He stated that when he gets the information on how many bricks there are he will contact Akron Memorial and see how much they will charge to engrave and that would take into account for the charge of the bricks. Mr. Prather stated he wants to keep it economical but still wants to bring in money for the city. Ms. Waltz asked if the bricks will be placed at the memorial and Mr. Prather stated he wants to place them up the sidewalk to the flag pole and if we get more than that will hold we can go around the memorial. He stated that when they get things going he would like to have a dedication on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day. Ms. Waltz asked if the stones were going to be flat or on the wall and Mr. Prather stated that they will be flat but there might be a stone that is raised a little with showing that the Parks & Cemetery Board came up with the idea. He stated that they would probably remove the bricks from the sidewalk up to the flag pole and place them there and if that gets filled then we could go around the outside of the memorial.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson asked Mr. Prather to talk about changing the time back to 5:30pm for the meetings. Mr. Prather stated that it makes it hard for him to get to the church since he serves the church for Bible study. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to have the meeting start at 5:15pm. **Roll Call: Ms. Stimac - Yes, Mr. Prather – Yes and Ms. Gibson – Yes. Ms. Waltz – Yes and Mr. Ranier – Yes. The board approved the meeting to start at 5:15pm.**

Ms. Wax Carr stated that she wanted to inform the board that there were two (2) swings that were broken in Columbia Woods Park and they have been replaced. She stated that the leases for the park are being sent to Council and they will be talking about them on Monday, September 21, 2015. She stated that none of the board members need to be there but she just wanted to let them know.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to approve the minutes from September 16, 2015. Ms. Stimac made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Ms. Ranier seconded the motion. **Roll Call: Ms. Stimac - Yes, Ms. Ranier – Yes and Ms. Gibson – Yes. Ms. Waltz – Yes and Mr. Prather - Abstained. The minutes were approved 4 – 0 – 1 Abstained.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Gibson stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, October 21, 2015. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:40p.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 November 18, 2015 and signed original is on file with the Clerk of Council.