

**PARKS & RECREATIONS BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Monday, January 9, 2006**

The Parks & Recreations Board convened for a public meeting in the Boardroom of the Shirley L. McGuire Community Center. Chairperson Audrey Toland called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Audrey Toland, John Corp, Frank Laury III

ABSENT: Paul Nasrallah, Neva Gibson

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Pritchard, Dir. of Planning & Community Dev.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Columbia Woods Park:

1.) Status of Preparation of Nature Works Grants and Donations for Playground Equipment:

Mr. Pritchard informed the Board that the application to Nature Works Grants (NWG) for the Columbia Woods Park playground equipment project was nearly complete. He was waiting on four different types of maps from the Geographic Information Services (GIS) and for a resolution of support by Council.

Ms. Toland asked for the amount of grant being requested. Mr. Pritchard said the City would be requesting \$29,277.26, which is essentially half the cost of the project. He stated that they could receive a portion of their request, all of it, or possibly not even be awarded a grant. He explained that the NWG would have an idea some time in May, 2006, of which grant requests were awarded. The Governor, however, will not approve their Capital Improvement Budget until around the end of 2006 or the beginning of 2007. Mr. John Corp suggested that if the grant was not awarded, the same application could be resubmitted the following year. Mr. Pritchard said that there were monies allocated in the budget for the playground equipment, so if the City is not awarded the grant, those funds could be utilized for the project.

Mr. Pritchard informed the Board that he did not include any non-profit organization donation amounts because he did not receive any documentation proving any promised donations.

Mr. Frank Laury stated that Ms. Neva Gibson mentioned that someone wanted to sell a wooden swing set for Columbia Woods Park. After discussion the Board agreed that wooden playground equipment was not a good idea because of the high maintenance factor and that children are prone to get splinters from the wood.

B.) Williams Memorial Park:

1.) Status of Proposed Sign:

Chairman Toland wondered if there was any new information regarding the proposed sign for Williams Memorial Park. Mr. Pritchard said he believed it was still in the developmental stage. After further discussion, the Board agreed that Ms. Gibson should have more information for the next meeting regarding this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

The Secretary informed Mr. Corp that his second full three-year term would expire February 28, 2006. She explained that since he was the Parks & Recreations Board Representative on the Planning Commission, a new 2006 representative would need to be appointed by the Board.

The Secretary also informed Mr. Frank Laury that his first full three-year term would expire February 28, 2006. She explained that he would need to inform Ms. Ann Campbell, Administrative Assistant, whether or not he wanted to be reappointed to the Board for another term. He said he would think about it and contact Ms. Campbell later with his decision.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Paul Nasrallah's first full three-year term would also expire February 28, 2006, and that since he was not present that night, Ms. Campbell would inform him later.

There was discussion regarding the election of officers for the year 2006. The Board agreed to wait until the next meeting because two members were absent. They also decided to wait on appointing the representative to the Planning Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Wednesday, September 7, 2005:

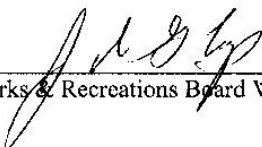
Chairperson Toland noted that only one of the members present was able to vote on the Wednesday, September 7, 2005, minutes. The Board decided, therefore to consider them at their next meeting.

Monday, December 5, 2005:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Monday, December 5, 2005, meeting and Chairperson Toland called for a motion. **Mr. Laury moved to approve the minutes of Monday, December, 2005, as submitted; seconded by Mr. Corp. ROLL CALL: Mr. Laury-Yea, Mr. Corp-Yea, Ms. Toland-Yea. The motion passed 3-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

Chairperson Toland announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting, however, might be scheduled during January, 2006, to consider the Wednesday, September 7, 2005, minutes. The may also discuss the playground equipment project and the proposed Williams Memorial Park sign in further detail. There was no other business to come before the Board, so Chairperson Toland adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.


Parks & Recreations Board Chair/Vice Chair


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