

PARKS & RECREATIONS BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Monday, January 23, 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, Paul Nasrallah, Neva Gibson

ABSENT: Frank Laury III

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

Mr. John Corp introduced Mr. Greg Fling, who was interested in applying for an upcoming opening on the Parks and Recreations Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Proposed Replacement Sign for Williams Memorial Park:

Chairman Toland asked Ms. Neva Gibson for an update regarding the proposed replacement sign for the Williams Memorial Park. Ms. Gibson said that a meeting was scheduled with a sign company, however, due to illness she was unable to attend. Ms. Ann Campbell, Administrative Secretary, and Mr. Ted Weinsheimer, Director of Public Service, attended the meeting and informed her that it was productive. They said that the contractor recommended placing a sign at a 45-degree angle rather than constructing a two-angle sign, to help lower the cost. She mentioned that the cost would be approximately \$21,000. Ms. Gibson said that the Norton City School masonry class would build the foundation as a school project. Mr. Jeff Pritchard mentioned that the proposed widening of Cleveland Massillon Road would need to be considered during the planning process.

Ms. Gibson wondered how much of the Williams Memorial Park was being lost to the Petit Car Wash currently being constructed next to it. Mr. Pritchard said none. Ms. Gibson wondered if some kind of comfort zone could be placed between the park and the car wash so that the gazebo's appearance would not be lost. Mr. Pritchard said that could be shown in the overall site plan. He suggested that a foundation similar to the Stonewyck Subdivision sign would compliment the gazebo.

Ms. Toland wondered what stage this project was in now and when it would begin. Mr. Pritchard said that it was in the preliminary stages and would probably not start until next year.

2.) Upgrading of Columbia Woods Park Playground Equipment:

Chairman Toland asked Ms. Gibson for an update in regards to the upgrading of the Columbia Woods Park playground equipment. Ms. Gibson said that she met with a second company and presented the members with a sales book. She stated that this company had lower prices than the first company. Ms. Gibson added that the sales representative said that they would give a substantial discount on the second playground if the City wanted to replace it and that they would be submitting preliminary drawings. Mr. John Corp asked if the second company's designs were similar to the first company. She said yes. She added that she was impressed with both companies so she believed the deciding factor would be the cost.

Ms. Gibson mentioned that Arnold's School in Barberton closed and they need to sell their wooden playground. She said it is only two years old, worth \$13,000, geared to younger children, and they are asking three thousand, two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00). Ms. Gibson said that she felt that this would be a great playground for the upcoming summer while waiting on the replacement equipment. The Board members asked Ms. Gibson if she had pictures of it. She said no, but she would get some and bring them to the next meeting. She mentioned that Mr. Weinsheimer saw it and did not want it for the Park, because of the maintenance factor. He also said it could possibly have a negative effect on the Nature's Works Grant application. After discussion, Mr. Pritchard said that it might interfere with the grant application, since current pictures of the playground were already submitted with the application. Ms. Toland said she wanted to get Mr. Weinsheimer's opinion since his department would be doing the construction and maintenance of the playground; she will contact him before the next meeting. Ms. Gibson commented that all the current playground equipment in Columbia Woods Park were from other local parks and/or schools. She suggested that the Board members visit Arnold School and check out the playground equipment.

Ms. Toland thanked Ms. Gibson for her effort in gathering the information for the proposed upgrading of the playground equipment in Columbia Woods Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Chairperson:

Mr. Corp nominated to re-elect Ms. Toland for Chairperson. With no other nominations for Chairperson, the Secretary called for a motion from the Board. **Mr. Corp moved to re-elect Ms. Toland as Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Gibson. ROLL CALL: Mr. Corp-Yea, Ms. Gibson-Yea, Mr. Paul Nasrallah-Yea, Ms. Toland-Yea. The motion passed 4-0, re-electing Ms. Toland as Chairperson.**

Vice-Chairperson:

Ms. Toland nominated to re-elect Ms. Gibson as Vice-Chairperson. With no other nominations for Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary called for a motion from the Board. **Ms. Toland moved to re-elect Ms. Gibson as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Nasrallah. Ms. Toland-Yea, Mr. Nasrallah-Yea, Mr. Corp-Yea, Ms. Gibson-Yea. The motion passed 4-0, re-electing Ms. Gibson as Vice-Chairperson.**

Parks & Recreations Board Representative to the Planning Commission:

After discussion, the Board decided to wait until the new members are appointed to the Board before electing a representative to the Planning Commission.

Memo regarding Permission to Rid Columbia Woods Park of Varmint Geese:

Ms. Gibson wondered if the other Board members received the Administrative Officer's memo dated January 20, 2006, regarding ridding Columbia Woods Park of the geese that create problems in the park. She wondered why alternative methods were not used. After further discussion, Ms. Gibson said as a private Norton citizen, she objected to exterminating the geese as a method of ridding the park of them. In her personal opinion, alternative methods could have been used.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:


Wednesday, September 7, 2005:


Chairperson Toland stated they would consider the minutes from their Wednesday, September 7, 2005, meeting, since the members present then were in attendance. After the Board reviewed the minutes, Chairperson Toland called for a motion. **Mr. Nasrallah moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, September 7, 2005, as submitted; seconded by Ms. Gibson. ROLL CALL: Mr. Nasrallah-Yea, Ms. Gibson-Yea, Mr. Corp-Abstain, Ms. Toland-Yea. The motion passed 3-0-1, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

Monday, January 9, 2006:

Chairperson Toland noted that only two of the members present were able to vote on the Monday, January 9, 2006, minutes. The Board decided, therefore to consider them at their next meeting.

Chairperson Toland announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. There was no other business to come before the Board, so Chairperson Toland adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.


Parks & Receptions Board ~~Chair~~ Vice Chair


Parks & Receptions Board ~~Vice-Chair~~ Member

2/6/06
Date

**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
GUEST ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The following were present at the Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board,

Held on: **Monday, January 23, 2006**

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<u>GREG FLING</u>	<u>3555 CLUBVIEW DR.</u>
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Cynthia J. Hughes
Stenographer

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