

**PARKS & RECREATIONS BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Monday, March 13, 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Audrey Toland, Neva Gibson, Frank Laury III, John Conklin, Scott Testa

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Pritchard, Director of Planning & Community Development

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Appointment of Parks and Recreations Board Representative to the Planning Commission:

Chairperson Toland asked for nominations for the Parks and Recreations Board (PRB) Representative to the Planning Commission (PC). Ms. Neva Gibson nominated Mr. John Conklin to be the PRB Representative to the PC. With no other nominations, Chairperson Toland called for a motion. **Ms. Gibson moved to appoint Mr. Conklin as the PRB Representative to the PC; seconded by Mr. John Testa. ROLL CALL: Ms. Gibson-Yea, Mr. Testa-Yea, Mr. Conklin-Yea, Mr. Frank Laury-Yea, Ms. Toland-Yea. The motion passed 5-0, appointing Mr. Conklin as the PRB Representative to the PC.**

B.) Discussion regarding the Wrobel Property:

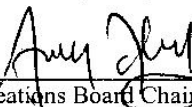
Mr. Conklin reported that the Wrobel property for sale near Mt. Vernon Estates had an appraisal value of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$117,625.00). There was discussion regarding utilizing nine to ten acres of that property for a passive City park. Ms. Gibson speculated that, according to the appraisal value, nine to ten acres might cost approximately Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). The Board discussed the possibility of the City purchasing the property and selling it to the residents of Mt. Vernon as a park area for them instead of allowing more houses. They discussed the various methods of doing this, such as assessments, and it's process. Mr. Conklin stated that, depending on the asking price of the property, an assessment could be approximately Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) a year over a ten-year period. Mr. Jeff Pritchard suggested that the residents could be petitioned regarding this assessment. Ms. Gibson said she would contact Mr. Wrobel, owner of the property, for the asking price.

NEW BUSINESS:


None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Toland announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2006, at 6:00p.m. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Toland adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



Parks and Recreations Board Chair/V.-Chair



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