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**PARK & RECREATION BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Monday, July 16, 2007**

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The Park & Recreation Board (PRB) convened for a public meeting in the Boardroom of the Shirley L. McGuire Community Center. Chairperson Neva Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

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

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

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Greenway Feasibility Study:

Mr. Jeff Pritchard presented the Greenway Feasibility Study document for the PRB's review. He believed the two (2) most difficult elements of the project will be land acquisition and the local match of monies for a grant. The connection of this project will occur near the Tuscarawas Viaduct Bridge in Barberton.

B.) Norton Athletic Organizations:

Mr. Pritchard said that he and Mr. Ted Weinsheimer, Superintendent of Public Services, feel that the Norton athletic organizations should be involved with the PRB's consideration of new park projects and the utilization of the parks. Their input should be given pertaining to space requirements, equipment requirements, etc. Ms. Gibson agreed that the organizations should be involved with this matter. There was discussion and the PRB decided to invite one representative from each Norton Athletic Organization to their September meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Property between Administration Building and Columbia Woods Apartments:

Ms. Gibson reported that she spoke with the owner of the property between the Administration Building and Columbia Woods Apartments regarding the possible selling of it to Norton for a parking area. The owners were not too averse to the idea.

B.) Possible BMX track:

Mr. John Conklin mentioned that he saw a BMX track near Dayton, Ohio and wondered if this was ever discussed for Columbia Woods Park. There was continued discussion.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A.) Park and Recreation Board Minutes of Monday, June 18, 2007:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Monday, June 18, 2007, and Chairperson Gibson called for a motion.

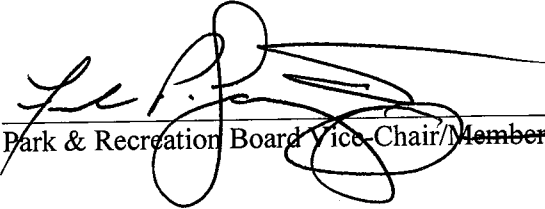
Mr. Frank Laury moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Conklin ROLL CALL:

Mr. Laury-Yea, Mr. Conklin -Yea, Mr. Scott Testa-Yea, Ms. Audrey Toland-Yea, Ms. Gibson-Yea. The motion passed 5-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Gibson announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.


Park & Recreation Board Chair/Vice-Chair


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Date