

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Monday, August 20, 2007**

The Parks & 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 6:09 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT: Audrey Toland

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Pritchard, Director of Planning and Community Development
Mike Zita, Council At-Large

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Resolution regarding the Playground Equipment for Columbia Woods Park:

Mr. Jeff Pritchard said that the original legislation regarding the new playground equipment stated the amount requested was Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). He explained that new legislation is now needed because the total cost has increased to Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00). This legislation will be introduced to Council at their next meeting, therefore he requested a resolution of support from the PRB for this project. Mr. Pritchard then presented pictures of the proposed playground equipment for review and informed them that rubberized mulch would be used for the surface material. There was further discussion and Chairperson Gibson called for a motion. **Mr. Frank Laury moved to recommend approval for the acquisition of playground equipment for Columbia Woods Park; seconded by Mr. Scott Testa. ROLL CALL: Mr. Laury-Yea, Mr. Testa-Yea, Mr. John Conklin-Yea, Ms. Gibson-Yea. The motion passed 4-0, approving PRB Resolution No. 05-2007, which was sent to the Mayor for his action and to Council for it's information.**

B.) Norton Athletic Organizations (NAO):

The Board discussed a drafted letter of invitation that would be sent to the NAO so that they could make their needs known at the next PRB meeting. The Board could then consider their ideas for the planning of future park projects. Chairperson Gibson felt that Mr. Ted Weinsheimer, Superintendent of Public Service, should also attend that meeting. The Board asked the Secretary to check the availability of the small room in the Community Center in case they need additional space for that meeting.

C.) Oil Field Construction at Norton Middle School:

Ms. Gibson reported that Norton Middle School would not be losing a baseball field because of the oil well construction occurring there.

D. Possible Revamping of Concession Stand in Columbia Woods Park:

Mr. Testa asked about the status of revamping the concession stand. Mr. Pritchard said that it could probably be included in the next meeting's discussion so that the NAO could also have input on this matter.

E.) Possible New Sign for the Corner of Williams Memorial Park:

Ms. Gibson stated that a Norton organization has set aside Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for an electrical sign in Williams Memorial Park and that she would like that project to move forward. Mr. Pritchard said that a

layout design with appropriate landscaping would be needed. Mr. Testa stated that possible widening of Cleveland Massillon Road would have to be considered in the layout design. There was discussion that an electrical upgrade in that area would probably be needed.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A.) Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of Monday, July 16, 2007:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Monday, July 16, 2007, and Chairperson Gibson called for a motion.

Mr. Laury moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Testa ROLL CALL: Mr. Laury-Yea, Mr. Testa-Yea, Mr. Conklin-Yea, Ms. Gibson-Yea. The motion passed 4-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Gibson announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.


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