



Park & Cemetery Board Memorandum

Mayor David L. Koontz

To: Karla R. Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Interim Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 1-23-09
Re: Approved/Signed Parks & Cemetery Board Minutes:
Thursday, November 13, 2008

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Park & Cemetery Board meeting held on Thursday, November 13, 2008.

Please note that the original document has been forwarded to, and will be on file with the Clerk of Council for the official record.

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Finance Director
Director of Planning & Community Development
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Parks & Recreation Board (5)

CC: Parks Crew Leader
Tom Jones (Council)
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PARK & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Thursday, November 13, 2008

The Park and Cemetery Board of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairperson Neva Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Neva Gibson, Frank Laury, Lisa Merrick

ABSENT: John Conklin, Scott Testa

ALSO PRESENT: John Moss, Finance Director

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson stated Eagle Scout, Mr. Andrew Gipson finished his Rain Garden project at the City Administration Building. She said he did a good job on the project.

Chairperson Gibson asked if there was any old business; there was none.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson asked if there was any new business.

Mr. Moss stated he had the following updates for the Board:

A.) Bands at the Gazebo

Ms. Ann Campbell, Assistant to the Mayor and the Administrative Officer, will be looking for bands to book at the new gazebo in Columbia Woods Park. Mr. Laury suggested Mr. Brad Baldwin be considered for a band booking. Chairperson Gibson stated she used to book bands and had many contacts. She said she would share the information with Ms. Campbell. Mr. Moss suggested the City attract local bands. He said this issue would need to be passed by City Council and would come out of the General Fund budget. He said there was sufficient electricity for the bands in the gazebo. He said the gazebo was upgraded before the Cider Festival.

B.) Tennis Courts

The Tennis Courts at Columbia Woods Park were resurfaced and the lights were replaced.

Mr. Laury asked about installation of basketball courts. Mr. Moss stated basketball courts were very expensive to install, with a proper base. He said one major concern was the placement of a basketball court. He said the City would like to attract older kids, but would not want the courts too close to younger kids playing in the area. He said the language of the older kids might offend the younger kids. He said the installation would be cheaper if they could find an area with the base already established.

Chairperson Gibson asked if there was any other new business.

Ms. Merrick stated she recently did cemetery research for a Mr. Richard Blanton in Alabama. She said he was looking for information on his Great Grandfather Holmes. She said there was not a lot of information found on this family search.

Mr. Laury asked if there were any recent improvements done on the cemeteries. Ms. Merrick stated not that she was aware of. She said she was told nothing would be done until spring. Chairperson Gibson asked why they were waiting for spring. She said if the plots are purchased in these cemeteries, they should be kept up and properly maintained and respected.


Chairperson Gibson asked if there was any other new business; there was none.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

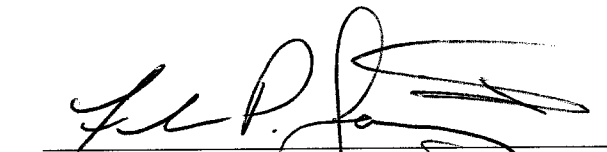
The Board reviewed the minutes of Thursday, August 14, 2008. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion. **Mr. Testa moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Merrick seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Testa-Yes, Ms. Merrick-Yes, Ms. Gibson-Yes. The motion passed 3-0, approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Gibson announced the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Park and Cemetery Board Chairperson
or Vice-Chairperson



Park & Cemetery Board Vice-Chairperson
or Member

1/27/09
Date:

**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD**

GUEST ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following were present at the Meeting of the Park and Cemetery Board,

Held on: **Thursday, November 13, 2008**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

John D. Moss

City Hall - (Finance Director)

Jan Campbell
Stenographer