



Mayor David L. Koontz

Parks & Cemetery Board Memorandum

To: Karla R. Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 2/11/10
Re: Approved/Signed Parks & Cemetery Board Minutes January 13, 2010

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Park & Cemetery Board meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010

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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PARK & CEMETERY BOARD CITY OF NORTON

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

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 5:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Neva Gibson, Pam Dixon, Scott Testa, John Conklin and Lisa Merrick

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: June Maier, Rick Maier, Vicky Wallace, Ted Weinsheimer, Rick Ryland

I. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson asked Ms. Merrick for an update on the cemeteries. Ms. Merrick stated that the new fence was installed at Western Star Cemetery and that it made a huge difference in the look of the cemetery. She wanted to personally thank Ted Weinsheimer for all his efforts in having the fence installed. Ms. Merrick also stated that she is trying to get funds to have a memorial stone for Mr. Leroy Betts' grave. She stated that it would be a granite marker. Ms. Merrick stated she received an email from a person asking about the Barnes family. Ms. Merrick stated that she and the Cemetery board had remove some of the stones down from the Plague cemetery and young adults vandalized others. The email she received stated that Phineas and Abigail Lovewell Barnes are buried there. Ms. Merrick stated that she is planning on keeping in contact with the person who emailed her to try and get information about how these people died and find out why the cemetery was named Plague cemetery. Mr. Ryland questioned where the cemetery is located. Ms. Merrick stated it was on the hill by the water tower on Wadsworth Road and Barber Road. Ms. Merrick also remarked that she wanted to see about moving the monument at Williams Memorial Peace Park in the center of town. Mrs. Gibson commented that the monument is located in an obscure place and no one ever sees it. Mr. Ryland stated that since the flagpole in front of the Administration Building is dedicated to the veterans it would be nice to put the monument next to it. Mr. Ryland stated that possibly sometime this year, the city would be having ground-penetrating radar taking place around the Norton Center Cemetery (by Norton Plaza) to compile the necessary data needed regarding the area in the front for the future widening of the road. There was more discussions about the widening of Cleveland- Massillon Road.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Gibson asked Vicky Wallace to talk about ideas for the decorating of Columbia Woods Park for the 2010 Christmas in the Park. Ms. Wallace stated that the Norton Women's Club set aside money for the decorations. Mrs. Gibson stated that she thought it would be a great idea to create a committee that could work towards purchasing the decorations and decorating Columbia Woods Park. Ms. Gibson asked Ms. Fisher if she had heard back from the Mayor regarding the memo that the Parks & Cemetery Board had sent him back in December? Ms. Fisher stated not at this time. Chairperson Gibson asked Mr. Weinsheimer for his opinion about the decorations for the park. Mr. Weinsheimer stated that to decorate the park correctly, he would like to have the commercial lighting and LED lights for decorating. Those lights will cost considerably more but would last longer than the regular lighting. He gave the Board some catalogs with different decorations that they could use in the park that could help the committee in the decisions of what they would like to do. Ms. Gibson asked Mr. Weinsheimer about the decorations that were always used at Williams Park. Mr. Weinsheimer stated that some were antiquated and not able to be repaired. He also stated that this year after they decorated with the decorations they had, they discovered that someone had broken about 50 lights at the gazebo and that was the reason the top was not lit. Ms.

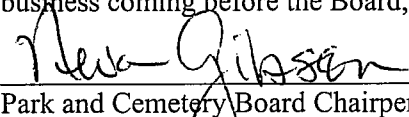
Woods Park so they would possibly be able to catch anyone damaging the decorations. Ms. Gibson stated that she would like to get a committee together consisting of some of the Board members, Mr. Weinsheimer, Vicky Wallace and June and Rick Maier. Mr. Testa asked Mr. Weinsheimer if any of the catalogs were from local businesses and Mr. Weinsheimer stated that he didn't think so and gave the Board the catalogs. Mr. Testa also asked if we get the decorations, would the Mayor have a problem with the service crew putting them up? Mr. Weinsheimer and Mr. Ryland stated the Mayor would not have a problem. Ms. June Maier stated if the committee wanted to try and get funding from businesses, they would need to get a letter out to them soon since advertising money is usually gone before June. Ms. Wallace said that she would draft a letter and present it to the committee. The committee decided to meet on Thursday, January 28, 2010 to go over the rough draft. Committee members would then tweek it so that it could be sent out to organizations and groups to try and get donations for the decorations. Ms. Wallace questioned what logo for the letter would they be using? Mr. Ryland stated that since it is for the city, they would be allowed to use the City of Norton logo. Chairperson Gibson stated that it also should have the Norton Women's Club logo on it as well. Chairperson Gibson asked Mr. Weinsheimer once the decorations are up, how long would they be left on. Mr. Weinsheimer stated that we would have them on a timer so they would be off during the day and that they would be taken down after the new year begins. Chairperson Gibson thanked Ms. Wallace and the Maiers for their attendance. Chairperson Gibson then asked if there were any more comments, and upon having none went to old business.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

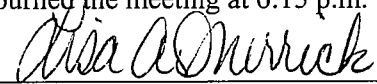
The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday February 10, 2010. Chairperson Gibson called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Testa moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Testa – Yes, Mr. Conklin -Yes, Ms. Gibson – Yes, Ms. Dixon – Yes, and Ms. Merrick - Yes. The motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes. Minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Gibson stated the next meeting would be Wednesday, February 10, 2010. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



 Park and Cemetery Board Chairperson / or Vice-Chair



 Park & Cemetery Board Vice-Chair / or Member

2-10-10
 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: **Wednesday, January 13, 2009**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Jane Maier	1879	Caroline St.	Norton
Rick Maier	"	"	"
Judy Wallace	3110	Memphie Rd.	Norton
Ted Weinheimer		City of Norton	

Paula Fisher

Stenographer