

City of Norton
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 27, 2011

The Planning Commission of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers at the Safety Administration Building. Chairman Mark Spisak called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mark Spisak, Ralph Dowling, Janet Jacobs and Richard Easterling

ABSENT: John Conklin

ALSO PRESENT: Russ Arters, Supt. of Bldg. & Zoning

II. PUBLIC APPLICATIONS: None.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Spisak asked if there was any old business. Chairman Spisak said he met with Mr. Russ Arters, Superintendent of Building and Zoning; Richard Ryland, Administrative Officer; John Moss, Finance Director; Councilman Braman, Nicolard and Bergstrom; and Karla Richards, Clerk of Council. The contract has been signed with D.B. Hartt to review the zoning areas. He said that they will get under way and it will be a four to six month project. The company will be interviewing Commission members for their input. They will check the zoning for the City, identify areas that should be rezoned and look at our uses. As the discussion went, we would rezone those areas individually as needed, as driven by infrastructure and development. They also discussed the Planning Director and how best to communicate with that new position as well as how to communicate better with Council. Chairman Spisak asked the members to think of problem areas for future discussions and we will have more of those types of meetings, possibly quarterly.

Chairman Spisak also mentioned the upcoming two workshops. One is for illicit discharge on October 5th and the other is the Friendly Zoning Workshop on October 27, 2011, at our Community Center. There was discussion had about the workshops.

Mr. Arters said the October 5th is more of an informational workshop and not really as necessary to attend as the October 27th workshop. He said at this workshop they would

have discussions about storm water run-off, noxious weeds, street drains and catch basins, pretty general things.

Mr. Easterling asked Mr. Arters since this was dealing with storm water, why the City wasn't in contact with the Muskingham Watershed Conservancy. Mr. Arters said that There are only five or six households in the City that is in that watershed; the City itself is not in that watershed. Mr. Arters said this is a grant that is funded by them, but they are reviewing our ordinances along with Coventry Township's and using them as examples for others. There was more discussion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS;

Chairman Spisak asked if there was any new business. Mr. Arters said the only site review they might have is the Site Review for the Day Care and Charter School that just filed today. There was discussion about changing the date of the next meeting to hear this site review.

There is another conditional use for used auto sales if the lady files it, but that would not be heard until the end of November.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Spisak asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 26, 2011. There were several clerical errors found on pages 2, 4 ad 5, but these were corrected during the consideration. Chairman Spisak asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Ms. Janet Jacobs moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Richard Easterling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Jacobs-Yes; Mr. Richard Easterling –Yes; Mr. Ralph Dowling – Yes; and Chairman Spisak-Yes. The motion carried 4–0 to accept the amended minutes.

The Interim Stenographer advised the Commission members that the minutes yet to transcribe are from the meetings of 6/14, 7/26, 8/23, and 9/13.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before the Commission, Chairman Spisak announced the next scheduled meeting would be October 11, 2011, tentatively, at 5:50PM. Chairman Spisak adjourned the meeting at 6:30PM



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