

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of February 9, 2017**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room.

Chairperson, Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Sawhill to record the following Trustees present: Edward Diebold, yes; Richard Kutuchief, yes; and Tom Seese, yes. All Trustees were recorded present.

Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer, Robert Saffian, Fire Chief, John Dolensky, Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer and Zoning Inspector, George Beckham.

**Topics for Discussion:**


1. Reminder: Permanent Appropriations meeting – March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
2. County Engineer/ E. Reservoir Dam Project meeting review – Edward Diebold explained that the County Engineer outlined several grant opportunities that will be available should we decide to include sidewalks along the new dam. There was some discussion over sidewalks and the existing plan that is in place. Crushed limestone was also discussed as an option. A workshop will be set up in April for further discussion.
3. Oak Grove – sight distance study – Lael Stouffer explained that the County has conducted the study and made a recommendation. The study was based on the pine tree and ultimately recommended that the tree be removed. If the tree is not removed, they suggested a yield sign approaching the intersection. Brief discussion over the tree. Richard Kutuchief stated that he lives in that neighborhood and doesn't feel that the tree is a problem. Discussion over the petition that was received from the neighborhood and our obligation to act on the County's recommendation. If an accident were to occur there and we don't follow the recommendation, we could be liable. Lael Stouffer stated that he would speak to the Stamps regarding the tree removal.
4. Cat Swamp cleanup – discussion over the junk that was pulled out of the swamp and placed along the road. The County will not pick it up. Lael Stouffer stated that the Road Department will do the cleanup.
5. Lockwood Cemetery flower/decoration removal policy – Lael Stouffer asked for direction from the Board regarding the current removal policy. There was discussion over an incident that occurred over the past week. Lael Stouffer suggested that they fence in an area to put the decorations at the cemetery instead of bringing them back to the garage. That way, people can pick up their items without having to call the Road Department, and it will alleviate the issue of storage in the Road garage.
6. Daisy Ave. School property – dumping permit – Lael Stouffer explained that he needs a place to dump material and would like to see if he can get the school to approve a dumping permit for the old Cottage Grove School property. Tom Seese stated that he will ask to be added to the school board agenda at their next meeting. Brief discussion over the hope to eventually trade the Portage Lakes Dr. property for Cottage Grove.
7. Protocol for scheduling meetings – Richard Kutuchief stated that he would like a phone call or text message when scheduling meetings. He doesn't get his Township email on his cell phone, so he was not aware of the Engineer's meeting until the night before. Anna Sawhill stated she will text everyone to notify from now on.
8. Coventry, Ohio – Postal Code Change Hearing – brief discussion over the ad that will be placed in the local papers and on Facebook. Anna Sawhill stated that she will check the Town Hall schedule to see when a date in March is available for a public meeting.

9. Flooding – Portage Lakes Automotive – discussion over ongoing issue with Mr. Antulis’ property due to neglected drainage issues from surrounding neighbors. Lael Stouffer explained that Brian Knapp from the Engineer’s Office has inspected and discussed the ditch petition process. The Township will need to send a request to County Council. Summit County Engineer’s Office will research the drainage easement and assess the residents. Tom Seese discussed some of the history of drainage in that area. Lael Stouffer stated he will set up a meeting with the Engineer’s Office.
10. Hydrant Painting – John Dolensky stated that he will be meeting with Akron and is hoping to get them to supply the paint.
11. Quick Response Team – John Dolensky will be meeting with Superintendent Chaboudy regarding scheduling a joint community outreach meeting for residents, possibly in March. The Quick response team will consist of firemen, deputies and representatives from the ADM board who will follow up with patients who have addiction issues. John Dolensky explained that the Sheriff’s Office wants to be paid for this service, where it will be a volunteer, or on duty effort by the fire department. Edward Diebold suggested that he and the Chief try to meet with Sheriff Barry. It will be good to get the Sheriff out in the community in a positive way, especially with the upcoming levy.
12. Rehab Facility – Coventry/Akron border – George Beckham explained that there may be residents attending the meeting this evening regarding a proposed rehab facility at Alfred and Arlington. There are a group of neighbors who are opposed to this who live in Coventry, however the site for the new building sits in Akron. Brief discussion over whether there is anything the Township can do.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:**

Tom Seese made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; Richard Kutuchief, yes; and Tom Seese, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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