

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

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, March 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. Levy Issues – Issue# 7 Police Levy, Issue #8 Fire/EMS Levy. Brief discussion over signage and disseminating information to residents. Anna Sawhill will begin work on the next Quill and informational ads from the Township. Edward Diebold advised that there will be a PAC meeting on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
2. Community Cupboards – Tom Seese stated that he would like to see this program start on a trial basis in the community and suggested Ms. Croghan begin with a church or other private property. Discussion was held regarding Township property and where it could possibly be located. Issues regarding vandalism, poor lighting and emergency vehicle traffic on Township property were discussed.
3. Fire Hydrant Program update – Richard Kutuchief stated that he heard Akron is going to hire someone to paint the hydrants within the City, so he's not sure that we'll be getting any kind of paint donation from them. He asked Chief Dolensky if he'd spoken with anyone. John Dolensky stated that he hadn't. Richard Kutuchief asked that we earmark some money for paint and supplies. He went on to discuss the Trash Bandit program that has been started in the Township by Paul Neugebauer and stated he would like to see this continue. He asked if the Road Department had any problem with picking up the bright orange bags that have been used. Lael Stouffer stated that it's been working well and the orange bags make it easy for them to quickly identify and pick up.
4. Heroin Seminar and Quick Response Team discussion – Richard Kutuchief stated that Green is developing this program and there may be an opportunity to regionalize it. Discussion over funding and what the school is doing. John Dolensky stated that the Fire Department can support the program, but the problem is that currently the Sheriff wants to be paid to do it. Edward Diebold stated he would discuss it with Sheriff Barry and would also contact Rusty Chaboudy regarding a joint effort between the school and Township to hold a public presentation.
5. Down trees – Edward Diebold asked if there was any kind of written procedure on down trees? Lael Stouffer explained that there really is no procedure since it depends on the situation. There was brief discussion over a tree that came down on Portage Lakes Drive during high winds about a week ago. The Fire Department cleared it so they could get through for emergency calls.
6. Parks – Edward Diebold verified that we will be having all of the teams maintain their own fields again this year. Lael Stouffer stated that Ingleside will need a new hot water tank. Discussion over youth organizations hanging banners for their vendors or sponsors on the fence. Tom Seese stated that they should face in toward the field.
7. Sheriff's Office Lot – Lael Stouffer stated that he will handle the rock removal, regrading and reseeding of the lot, which will be more cost effective than hiring an outside contractor.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:**

Tom Seese made a motion to adjourn the general workshop. Richard Kutuchief 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 6:31 p.m.



Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

