

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop July 12, 2018

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room.

Chairperson, Richard Kutuchief called the meeting to order and asked Fiscal Officer, Anna Bryant 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 new Zoning Inspector, Bill Meyerhoff.

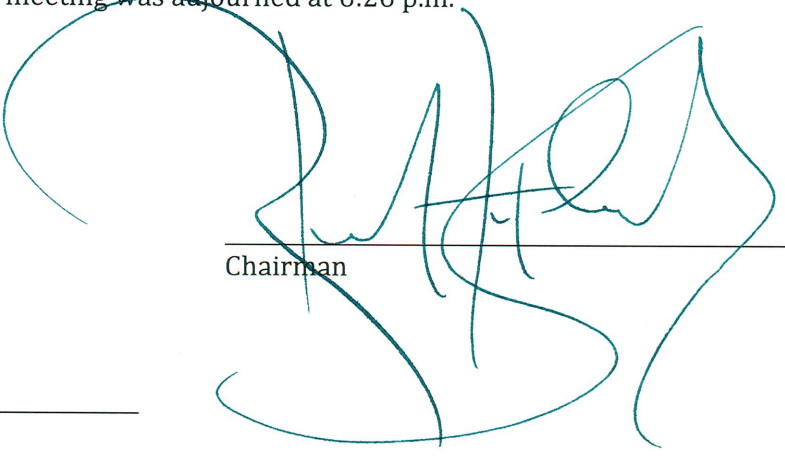
Topics for Discussion:

1. Purple Heart Community request – Ceremony/declaration will be at the August 9th meeting.
2. Community Center Renovations – motion on the regular agenda for a BC to cover flooring. Brief discussion over quotes received. The lowest bid was \$13,000. Richard Kutuchief wanted to be involved with the final selection of flooring. Discussion held over stripping the wallpaper and painting. Robert Saffian stated that the money is appropriated already. He is still waiting to hear from Irv regarding the opinion on allowing renters to serve alcohol. We also need to repair the stucco, trim back trees and fix the sign.
3. Air BnB's/Weekend Rentals/Party House – discussion held over issues with restricting rentals and how we can enforce. Need to clarify what a “short-term rental” is. Residents are having problems with noise, parking, trespassing. Question over whether it is considered a commercial use in a residential district. Richard Kutuchief raised question as to how we could tax them and what the tax would be, is there a financial benefit to the Township, how do we regulate them and by what cost and resources for enforcement. He also voiced concern over Constitutional issues of rental of property. He has asked Counsel about this and would like to have a plan so we don't jump the gun and subject ourselves to a lawsuit. The Board was in agreement that they need to help these residents get some relief from this situation. The AirBnB on Peninsula is the only one we've heard of there being any issue with, and only from the one neighbor. The Board will have the Zoning Commission take a look and see how they can add it into the zoning code. Unfortunately that will take some time, so there isn't really a quick fix for the issue.
4. Noise Issues – Complaints from a few people regarding noise at Pick's and the Harbor. Discussion over whether those few complaints warrant a hearing to review their conditional use permits. The Trustees have followed up with the complaints first hand. Edward Diebold and George Beckham have both spoken to the owners of the property. Tom Seese felt that the radio station's announcers were too loud, but other than that, it hasn't been bad. All Board members felt that the bar owners were doing their best to work within their conditional use permits. The Board is watching the situation and are attentive to the concerns of the residents, understanding that all are working through the evolution of this new business to create a positive atmosphere in our Township.
5. Tree Removal – Lael Stouffer advised that the trees at Lockwood Park have been removed and the stumps will be ground out.
6. Parks Levy – (yield not yet received from the County for the .75 mill request.) A decision will need to be made once the yield is received. Tom Seese would like to do the .75 mill levy. Brief discussion was held over what needs to be done at the Parks. Discussion over the well at Logan and options to tie into Akron water or the ODNR's raceway.
7. Tennis Courts – Edward Diebold advised that he got a quote of \$13,000 to seal the cracks and re-paint the Lockwood tennis court. Brief discussion over tennis courts.
8. Mowing – Lael Stouffer asked the Board to clarify what they would like to have mowed. Discussion over what was budgeted for this year. Need to have Logan, the Administration/F.D. and Community Center added to what Envirosapes is already doing.
9. Land Swap – Richard Kutuchief stated he's not heard anything from the school recently. He will reach out.
10. EMS Grant – John Dolensky advised he will be adding a motion to the agenda to accept a grant. No matching funds are needed.

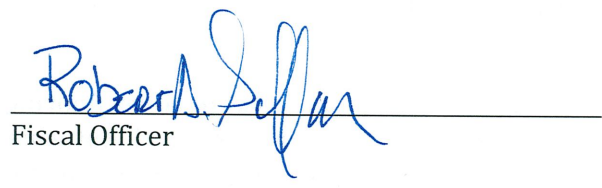
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Tom Seese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 6:26 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer