COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of April 11, 2019

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township ADA Room.

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

Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman; Fire Chief, John Dolensky; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Bill Meyerhoff.

Richard Kutuchief welcomed Lori Seeman to her new position. Edward Diebold stated he feels we really have a solid team here.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Mowing Proposals: Lael Stouffer explained we've received four proposals. The lowest bid is from a resident who has not had any accounts this large, and the second lowest bid is from Enviroscape's who has worked in the Township since 2015. Discussion over the pros and cons of each proposal that was received. Robert Saffian stated that Enviroscape's has always done a good job and feels that is the best value based on experience, we can always hire Botree for nuisance complaints, or smaller landscaping jobs on Township grounds.

2. 389 Jarvis Road: Lael Stouffer explained that the resident did not pick up the certified letter we sent and is now creating more of a problem, dumping more dirt. Discussion was held over the next step. Irv will send a letter serving him with notice.

3. Community Center & Clock Tower Trees: Lael Stouffer explained that the Community Center trees have been pruned. He was notified by the tree company that many of the trees around the Community Center and also the trees at the Clock Tower have 'black knot' disease and will need to be removed. Discussion over trees and cost to remove them. The trees at the Clock Tower can be pruned back for this year and removed next year.

4. Parks – upgrades and exterior maintenance: Robert Saffian discussed his observations of the parks and suggested we focus our attention on one park a year after we bring everything up to safety standards according to our risk management assessment. Concern over the disintegration of the tennis courts. Edward Diebold stated that he would like to get quotes for the tennis courts.

5. Safety Inspection – Community Center Issues: Lael Stouffer explained that the Fire Department did a safety inspection and outlined deficiencies that need to be addressed. The exit door out of the basement will need replaced, some attention to the fireplace hearth, and some minor electrical updates were discussed.

6. Short Term Rentals: Bill Meyerhoff explained that our proposed text is currently at Summit County Planning and is set for their April 25th meeting at 3 p.m. The Zoning Commission will then hold a hearing and decide on any changes or approval with consideration to any comments by Summit County Planning. A tentative hearing is scheduled for May 15th at 7 p.m.

7. 217 Rohner Ave.: Discussion was held over the request by Mr. Luck to landscape an unused portion of a Township road. The neighbors are opposed to this and feel Mr. Luck has already had 4 variances to build his house and that it's not necessary. Lael Stouffer and Bill Meyerhoff have looked at the plans and met with Mr. Luck on site. Discussion was held over the issue. Bill Meyerhoff will contact Mr. Luck to have him revise his plans to move off of Township property.

8. Gasoline Tax Increase: This was passed by the State so we will be seeing an increase of about $97,000.00

9. Fruit Street Issues: Robert Saffian explained he has a rough draft of a maintenance code written up for everyone to review. Richard Kutuchief questioned enforceability. Discussion held over the condition of property on Fruit Drive that has become a nuisance. Bill Meyerhoff explained that a certified letter has been sent to the property owner.

10. Cottage Grove: Richard Kutuchief stated he'd like to forget about the school's property. Discussion was held over charging for use of the field.

11. PLAY Baseball – parade request: We have received a request from Stacy Langenek for fire department equipment and staff to attend the PLAY Baseball parade. John Dolensky stated that the shift can plan on attending and will be there unless they get a call.

12. 207 Delora – Trash Nuisance: Bill Meyerhoff explained that there is a motion on the agenda to declare this property a nuisance. The trash belongs to the boyfriend of the current tenant and he is in jail. The trash will be cleaned up and the cost assessed to the property taxes.

13. Violations requiring legal action: Bill Meyerhoff updated the Board on several properties he's been dealing with that will likely require legal action.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

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

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

Edward D. Diebold
Chairman

Lori Seeman
Fiscal Officer