

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of June 11, 2020

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in an online, public forum via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Chairman Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. All Trustees were recorded present.

Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer, Lori Seeman; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison. Fire Chief, John Dolensky was excused for an emergency response.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Dollar Drive – JEDD Amendment/Sanitary Sewer – Follow-up: Anna Bryant advised the Board that the notice to the media was sent to advise of the Monday morning meeting at 11 a.m. via Zoom. She stated that Irv will have talking points, basically to make sure all parties are on the same page.
2. General Fund Levy – Anna Bryant advised the Board that she has placed a motion to adopt a Resolution on the Regular agenda to request yield from County for a Replacement. She stated her concerns over trying to do any kind of an increase at this point with the current status of the economy. We did straight renewal the last time due to the previous attempt at renewal + increase failing. Discussion over the current yield. Edward Diebold agreed that an attempt at a replacement seemed best. Lori Seeman discussed advice from Auditor Faber and effects of COVID-19 on the Local Government Fund.
3. Keep Coventry Beautiful (Flowers): Anna Bryant advised that Sue Aguirre, our new flower lady is working on planting. She has done some work up at the Administration office and will be finishing up the bridge planters. She explained that she will be meeting with Lucas Landscaping to get a quote on re-establishing the flower beds at the clock tower next week if Sue isn't able to get it done over the weekend. She also advised the Board of conversations with Tom Hutchison, who would like to install flower baskets on the existing Safe Walk light posts. He is offering to purchase the brackets, baskets, flowers and would have staff to water them. Anna Bryant advised that this is a preliminary conversation and that Mr. Hutchison would email her further details.
4. Parks – discussion over the Cottage Grove daylighting area. Resident Tommy Parker has inquired as to when a walking path will be installed. George Beckham stated that it appears Mr. Parker has already taken it upon himself to mow a wide pathway. This is problematic because the bank of the stream is fairly steep, and also a lot of tree planting took place in that area by Coventry Middle School and Davey Tree when the EPA project occurred. George Beckham stated he would like to contact Davey Tree to have them come out and identify where a path might be able to go without disrupting the plants that were placed there. Discussion was held over liability. Anna Bryant also advised that she has been working with Tommy Parker and PLAY to coordinate use of that field. Mr. Parker is asking for a port-o-let. Anna Bryant advised she would have one placed in the parking lot but has some concerns over vandalism. We've had issues there in the past. Edward Diebold and George Beckham discussed meeting with architects at Logan Field. Looking into the possibility of a new fieldhouse using the existing block structure and adding a metal building with indoor batting cages. Edward Diebold stated that he is coordinating a meeting with the youth organizations there next week.
5. Dam area lease – Discussion held over the news article featuring PLAC's plans for the dam area. Edward Diebold stated that he feels we need to get the lease agreement handled to have some control over the development of that land. George Beckham agreed that we should get the lease handled and then go out to get some public input. George Beckham asked Lael Stouffer to get an updated quote on the mowing in that area due to the addition of the bollards by ODNR. There was discussion over insurance coverage as well.
6. Boston Ave. One-Way – Edward Diebold explained that he has been receiving complaints about the one-way section on Boston Avenue that was established several years ago at the neighborhood's request. Lael Stouffer stated he has also heard from residents on Grupe and Anstock about cars/trucks cutting the corners of their property and driving in the yard

because the road is narrow. He explained that COSE did do a safety study there, which is how the one-way section was decided.

7. Policing Contract – Anna Bryant advised that the Sheriff’s Policing Contract expires at the end of 2020. She will contact the Sheriff’s Office to begin discussion.
8. IAFF Contract – Anna Bryant advised the Board that the contract ends August 31st. We will need to set up a special meeting with Chief Dolensky to discuss.
9. Township sign – George Beckham advised that the sign for in front of the Admin/Fire Building is being repainted. They are having some trouble matching the paint, but it will be back up by the 4th of July.
10. Clock Tower – Anna Bryant advised that the mechanism has been rebooted. She wasn’t sure if it was playing music or not. If rebooting didn’t work we will have to call for repair from Verdin.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham made a motion to adjourn the General Workshop meeting. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Edward D. Diebold
Chairman

Louie A. Seeman
Fiscal Officer