

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of November 12, 2020

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a general workshop on Thursday, November 12, 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; Fire Chief, John Dolensky; Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer; and Zoning Inspector, Mike Harrison.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Fire Lane – Status:
 - a. Birdland/Onaway - Anna Bryant advised the Board that the revised petition had been sent the previous month and we still have not heard from the Hinton's. Discussion was held over an anonymous email asking about access and what the Township intends to do about the constructed driveway and retaining wall on the easement. May need to involve Irv to send the property owners a letter to see where their vacation request stands. George Beckham explained that he did ask the anonymous emailer to produce any proof that he or she has easement. Our title search did not show access in any of the deeds that were pulled.
 - b. Birdland - alleyway adjacent to 3632 Birdland – Anna Bryant advised that this request for petition was sent out at the same time as the Hinton's and she has not heard back from Mr. Moore either.
 - c. Alma Ave. - Anna Bryant advised that she has spoken to Irv and he is still reviewing this matter. He is waiting on information from the County.
 - d. S. Bender – Anna Bryant advised that a gentleman stopped in to the office to enquire about how to purchase easement behind his property. Brief discussion was held over the waterway that runs through this property and if we would be interested in vacating it. Also, discussion over other surrounding property owners.
2. CARES Act Grant Funding: Lori Seeman explained that we have received the County Payroll funding but they have come back to us asking for a new Resolution that includes the language to “appropriate” the funds. Anna Bryant advised that motion is on the regular agenda.
3. Speeding Complaints: Anna Bryant explained that over the past few months we've received a number of complaints about speeding issues on various Township roads. George Beckham had asked her to contact the Engineer's office to see if there are any options to help us slow traffic. She explained the email response received from Dave Koontz. Discussion was held on removable speed bumps, purchasing portable speed/radar trailers or signs, speed zone cameras, and asking the Sheriff's office for use of theirs and to direct patrol to specific areas for speed enforcement.
4. Boston Ave – 1-way: Edward Diebold stated that he will announce at the meeting if neighbors attend that we will not be changing the traffic pattern on Boston as advised by the Engineer's office. Discussion was held over the acquisition of a small amount of land for additional easement so larger vehicles can make the turn on Angola. Lael Stouffer will contact the Engineer's office to see what is needed.
5. JEDD:
 - a. Addition of Riverside Church - Anna Bryant asked the Board if they had any issue with Irv discussing the addition of Riverside Church to the JEDD. There

was brief discussion over water issues at the property and none of the members had a problem with it.

- b. 5th Amendatory agreement - Anna Bryant advised the Board that the agreement that was approved several years ago when the addition of a portion of the Sheetz property was added to the JEDD was never sent from Akron for signatures. It just needs signed and is in the Trustees' office.
6. REWORKS Solid Waste Management Plan: Anna Bryant advised that this agreement comes up every ten years. Marcie Kress will give a brief presentation at beginning of regular meeting and there is a Resolution adopting the plan on agenda for approval.
7. SAFEWALK: Anna Bryant advised that she occasionally receives requests to purchase bricks at the Clock Tower. She asked if there is any future interest in opening up a fundraiser to do the pavers in the clock tower sidewalk. Discussion was held and it was decided that pavers would be something to keep in mind as we look at an overall plan for the Clock Tower and dam area.
8. Christmas: Discussion was held over decorating the Clock Tower for Christmas. Pick's had inquired about doing a Tree/Clock Tower lighting event. Concerns over COVID and public safety were discussed. Edward Diebold will advise that we will just decorate this year and hopefully be able to plan an event for 2021. Discussion was also held over what to do for the annual Employee Christmas/Appreciation party. Gift cards and other "non-gathering" options in light of the pandemic were briefly discussed.
9. Lockwood Park - Request to Rename: Jeff Houck explained the request he received from the Joyner family to rename the park after their father who passed away while crossing the street to get his mail. He lived directly across from the park and visited frequently. Discussion over any contribution he made to the park and requirements that might be set for renaming. Placing a bench with a plaque memorializing him may be a good option versus re-naming the park. A memorial bench was also discussed for our late flower lady Sue Johns to be placed at, or near the Clock Tower.
10. Short Term Rentals: Discussion over emails and response to resident's concern over Short Term Rental permits. Jeff Houck explained that a neighbor has been sending him photos of renters' license plates. Mike Harrison explained that he is working on issues and that there is one property scheduled for a hearing at the next BZA meeting. He will be sending out additional letters to those owners he has not had a response from. George Beckham discussed the idea of dialing this back to a permit issued by the zoning inspector instead of having each go before the BZA.

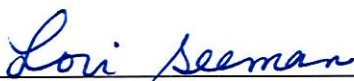
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the general workshop. Jeff Houck 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 6:28 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer