

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting of February 6, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 9:34 a.m. in the Coventry ADA Room, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319, to discuss the 2024 Road Resurfacing Project, Vaughn Road Property and Parks.

Call to Order:

Jeff Houck called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, (absent due to illness); Edward Diebold, yes and Jeff Houck, yes. Two Trustees were recorded as present. Fiscal Officer Dave Gissinger and Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer were also present.

2024 Road Resurfacing Program: Lael Stouffer explained that the County Engineer goes out for bid early in the year to get better pricing. He explained the areas that are up for resurfacing this year and went on to explain that he is trying to divide Cottage Grove into two years. He will do half this year and half next year. The estimate is at \$661,948 and will cover the southwest portion. He stated he's comfortable with this but can pull roads if needed. There was a brief discussion about getting educational information on the website so residents know what to expect during the drainage improvement/pavement process.

240206-01 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve the submittal of the 2024 Road Resurfacing Program to the County of Summit Engineer to go out for bid on our behalf. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, (absent due to illness); Edward Diebold, yes and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

171 Vaughn Road: Lael Stouffer explained that he received Land Bank approved demolition contractor information from George Beckham. AA Maintenance gave him a clean-out quote of \$5,500. There was some discussion over contacting Akron about squaring off the parcel. Lael Stouffer will contact Irv Sugerman to discuss this.

240206-02 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$5,500 to AA Maintenance for the removal of the remaining household contents and trash from inside the structures at 171 Vaughn Road. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, (absent due to illness); Edward Diebold, yes and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Parks

- **Mowing/Maintenance Position:** Lael Stouffer explained that the seasonal employee he had for mowing last year will not be back this year. He has been taking applications and wants to potentially hire Scott Rohler, who regrets leaving the Township last year. He understands that it would only be seasonal from April through November. He is a wrestling coach in the winter, so he won't claim unemployment. He asked the Board if they had any issues with re-hiring him. Edward Diebold and Jeff Houck stated that it's his department, so it's up to him to decide.
- **Lockwood Park:** Lael Stouffer explained that the courts are completed, and the fence is up around the courts. He said it would be impossible to manage this project with the drainage improvements he is up against before the road resurfacing begins. The goal is to have it up and functional by Memorial Day weekend. We will need to see about possibly hiring a landscaper to draw up what needs to be done. There was some brief discussion over having Dennis Ott manage the project. Edward Diebold stated he would get with Dennis to discuss the next steps. There was some discussion over drainage improvements and the culvert that will need to go in to extend the parking area.
- **Ingleside Park – Wooded area:** Lael Stouffer advised the Board of an email he received from residents adjacent to Ingleside Park concerning dead and falling trees in the wooded area between the ballfield and their property. Lael Stouffer explained that this is near the area where Dan Yaros was injured and it is full of dead trees. He feels we need to hire a land-clearing company to level all of it. We can then plant grass and leave it as a green space. It will remove Township liability of one of these trees or their limbs from falling on private property, or worse, injuring or killing someone. He stated he would have more information on the cost in the next few months.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Jeff Houck made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, (absent due to illness); Edward Diebold, yes and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Vice-Chairman


Fiscal Officer