

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**General Workshop of August 8, 2024**

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Chairman George Beckham will call the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, no. (absent/out of town) Two Trustees were recorded as present.

Also in attendance were: Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger; Fire Chief, Adam Rockich (on a call); Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles; and Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer.

**Topics for Discussion:**

1. Parks:
  - a. Logan Fieldhouse – we will need to re-bid the project per attorney (ORC requirement – 60-day limitation after bid opening + 20% over threshold) 4 points will increase the estimate in the bid pack. Anna Bryant and Ed Diebold will follow up with Jim Presutto next week so we can go out for bids ASAP.
  - b. Community Center-waterproofing project is scheduled to start after Labor Day. Concrete repairs will need to be looked at afterwards. The work should not affect the entrance to the building. Depending on what they find, they have to cross the parking lot.
2. Akron Water Main Extension
  - a. Staging area request – Discussion over the use of the old road department yard, plus approximately 85 feet of the community center parking lot. Options of using the property across from the high school or ODNR lot across from the dam were discussed as well. We will need to stipulate conditions on how they will leave the property in a use contract.
3. Zoning
  - a. Current issues – Laura Cowles gave the following update:
    - i. Loma Drive -Dotin properties have foreclosed
    - ii. 189 W. Vista- shed being used as dwelling – currently in litigation
    - iii. 2199 Glenmont-recovery house being vacated w/in 10 days – served letter last week.
    - iv. 697 State Mill / STR-BZA, denied permit-still renting, sent C/D.
    - v. Canova/Parnell neighborhood-health dept. response-inspections/pushing enough to keep things going, 5 houses. Trash S. Arlington-existing tenants, tracking Arlington on permits.
4. Fire Department
  - a. FD Rescue Truck Finances – Chief Rockich asked the Board what funding he is paying with. The original ARP money was helping, and now it's at \$0. Edward Diebold and George Beckham stated they would look at it from the General Fund. It will be in the next budget cycle for next year.
  - b. HB 47 – Chief Rockich explained that we must supply AEDs. We can go with the cheapest route or go w/compatible to FD monitors, which are much more costly. Discussion over tamper-resistant boxes, theft, and other issues. Parks locations would include Logan/Ingleside/Lockwood/Play Center/Cottage Grove.
  - c. Landscaping
    - i. Admin/Fire Department
      1. Tree trimming/clearing back wall –Estimated range from \$19,000- \$72,000
      2. Front entry removal
        - a. Lewis Construction, removal & reconstruction \$13,900
        - b. J. Williams-removal only \$10,500
  - d. Legal fees - RFM more funds needed for negotiations & grievance
5. Road Department:
  - a. Updates – Current Projects:

- i. online RFEA/for Akron water line project, form we always used-twp. will need to cover cost of inspection by Coventry Road opening permit-protect us from anything they disturb outside of what they replace.
- ii. Vaughn Trail- 17,350 Butcher has finished demo. Road Department pays for Butcher removal from yard, but we need money from parks/General Fund to cover the cost to demo this structure. Discussion over talking with Akron about squaring off the property before putting up fence & taking down trees. George Beckham stated we need to talk to a surveyor and pin out what we want. Lael Stouffer stated he would work with Jeff Cordi on it.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:**

George Beckham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: George Beckham, yes; Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, no. (absent)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer