

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of July 11, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Chairman George Beckham 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 as present.

Also in attendance was Fire Chief, Adam Rockich. Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer will arrive for the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles was absent due to illness, and Fiscal Officer Dave Gissinger was excused.

Topics for Discussion:


1. Summit Count Job Retention and Creation MOU: Anna Bryant advised that she sent this to Irv for review. There were only a few minor changes to the annual agreement and he advised we approve it at the regular meeting.
2. Parks:
 - a. Logan Fieldhouse – Edward Diebold explained that he met with 4Points earlier in the week. They looked at cheapening the materials, basically where things went wrong is the estimator whiffed on the masonry. He didn't figure in the labor and only put the cost of materials in the bid. Ed explained that he is reaching out to Mark Dodd to see if we can look at line-item bidding to get costs down, hoping that some of these contractors will come in lower.
 - b. Lockwood Park: Anna Bryant stated that Lael Stouffer isn't here to explain, but we are wrapping things up. There is a request on the regular agenda for a final PO needed for topsoil and hydroseeding, as well as the final striping of the parking lot. She also asked their thoughts on installing picnic tables, a shade structure, and possibly some benches. There was some discussion over shade sails and the location of picnic tables. Edward Diebold stated the Ducks could donate benches similar to the ones they did at Nimisila. Anna Bryant asked how the Board would like to handle requests for plaques/donations. There was some discussion over an 'adopt-a-site' program and possibly opening up the pavers at the clock tower for engraving.
 - c. Community Center: Anna Bryant explained that Lael Stouffer will have some information to discuss regarding waterproofing for the building. Once that is completed, we can discuss the exterior repairs and re-landscaping in the spring.
3. Fire Department
 - a. Fire/EMS Levy - 6.75 Mill Replacement with 0.5 Mill Decrease = 6.25 Mills: Anna Bryant explained that the Ballot Resolution was sent to the Board of Elections. We are waiting on our Ballot Language and Issue number, which will be closer to the end of August.
 - b. Executive Session – Grievance updates
4. Admin/Fire Department Stairway Hazard & Landscaping: Adam Rockich discussed the concrete stairway at the front of the building that is crumbling. It is a hazard and needs to be removed before someone is hurt. Discussion was held over what to do about the existing doorway. Options of blocking it with brick, or putting in a window were discussed. The block retaining wall underneath it also needs attention since it is cracked and beginning to lean. Anna Bryant discussed replacing all of the retaining wall beds at the same time to make everything cohesive. The tall shrubs on the administrative side of the building are overgrown and need to be removed at this point as well. Adam Rockich stated as a second project the arborvitae at the back of the property need to be cut back and the bank facing Prosser is covered in poison ivy. All of that needs to be cleaned out again. He will get quotes for both projects and bring them to the August meeting.

5. Dam Project – Crosswalk: George Beckham discussed parking and fishing issues and the possibility of extending the 25-mph zone. The engineer did send a report stating they would need to see pedestrian traffic increase before allowing the installation of a crosswalk from the parking lot to the dam property. There was a brief discussion over Township's liability for crossing the roadway from the parking lot and the installation of signs stating "cross at own risk" and "no overnight parking." Other areas for parking were considered such as the Clock Tower area.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

George Beckham 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 6:15 p.m.


Chairman



Fiscal Officer