

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
General Workshop of May 9, 2024

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met for a General Workshop on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 5:32 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 were: Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger; Fire Captain, Brian Langenek; and Zoning Inspector, Laura Cowles. *(Road Superintendent, Lael Stouffer and Fire Chief, Adam Rockich were absent/excused.)*

Topics for Discussion:

1. Parks:
 - a. Lockwood Park: Anna Bryant explained that the playground equipment for Lockwood Park has been delivered and installation is underway. Dennis Ott received an updated quote for the perimeter fencing from Sentry Fence at 36,200, which includes removing and disposing of the existing fence. She stated that the final cost should be slightly less than quoted because the road department removed a significant portion while doing some drainage work. Mr. Ott received an additional quote from a fence company near Sugar Creek that was roughly between \$35,000 and \$38,000. They came in around the same ballpark as Sentry, and Sentry has done a great job for us in the past, so she felt it was a good idea to stick with them. Very few, if any other companies in the area that do chain-link anymore. There will be a motion to request approval of a purchase order for this purchase on the regular agenda.
 - b. E. Reservoir Dam Walkway: Anna Bryant advised that ODNR has approved the Dam Walkway project. Dam Safety did come back with some modifications to the plan regarding plant density and advised against changing any topography around the drainage areas. TJ with BlueGrass Landscape should be getting started fairly quickly. She and George Beckham will be working on getting the CIP paperwork together to send to the State for reimbursement of those funds. She announced that the Logan Field House Bid opening was on Tuesday and both bids came in significantly over budget. 4 Points will review our plans with the subcontractors for recommendations.
 - c. Parks Advisory Committee: George Beckham will have Lisa Fouser give a brief presentation at the beginning of the regular meeting. He explained that the idea of having food trucks around the clock tower area has come up for this year. He stated he has run it by some area business owners, and everyone feels that it needs more planning to succeed.
2. Clocktower 5K Race: Anna Bryant stated that she isn't aware of any employees planning on running. Unfortunately, the Road Department employees will be at the Yard Waste Drop-Off event and most of the Fire Department employees who would run it, are covering the stand-by operation. George Beckham and Jeff Houck are planning to run/walk the event.
3. PLAC Representative: Nancy Lesig – Anna Bryant advised that she was the only applicant. George Beckham commented that she seemed highly qualified and although she only lives here part-time, she plans to commute from Cleveland to attend the monthly meetings.
4. Summit County Surface Water Management District Advisory Committee Representative: Discussion was held over which Trustee should commit to be the representative. Jeff Houck volunteered and will be named in the motion on the regular agenda.
5. Fire Levy: Discussion was held over the unofficial yield estimates Anna Bryant obtained from the Fiscal Office. Chief Rockich would like to see us near \$2.2 million if possible. Motions to request the official yield will be on the regular agenda. The State has not yet taken away the option for replacement levies so we can still request them. Discussion over which motions to put on the agenda was held. Anna Bryant will read the motions under her report for a motion requesting a renewal and increase of 2 mills, a replacement and decrease of .25 mills and a replacement and decrease of .5 mills.

6. Zoning Department: Text amendment hearing at the beginning of the agenda. Laura Cowles advised the Board of permits issued and current nuisance complaints at 3924 Cox Rd. she is working on with the Summit County Sheriff and Summit County Health Department.


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.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer