

Lyon Township Library Board Minutes
August 16, 2016

1. Call to Order at 3:00 p.m. by Library Board President Jim Chuck.
2. Roll Call: Board Members present were Jim Chuck, Amy Deeds, Alice FitzGerald, Cathy Gateman, and Judy Ray. Library Director Holly Teasdle was also present.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion by Chuck and second by FitzGerald to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously
4. Call to the Public: Public present but no comments
5. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Freund and second by Ray to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Approval of Bills: None
7. Announcements and Communications: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Library Millage Planning:
 - i. August 2 election recap:

Discussion of results by precinct. Library did better in precincts 1, 3 and 5 (north end of Township). The precincts we had larger margin of 'no' votes (2, 4, 6) are the areas of newer homes that we thought wanted the new library. Possible reasons for failure were discussed: too much money, too big a library, too much jump in size at once, ability of other residents to use other libraries (specifically Novi).
 - ii. Tasks prior to next election:

The Board will contact Board members of SSLDL to get an official position as to the feasibility of Lyon Township joining the district library and what the requirements/costs would be. The Board will discuss with Township officials the feasibility of using the current facility for a library, including the possibility of expansion. Discussion of having a structural engineer study current facility and soil borings to determine if expansion is possible, although this is doubtful, given the location and proximity to Lake Angela. The Board plans to pursue the idea of using the location at 11 mile and Milford road with Township officials. President Chuck asked Director Teasdle to research what other new

library construction projects were costing per square foot to see if the cost per square foot that was used in our construction model was high. Board also discussed the need to conduct a community wide survey and using social media (Facebook) to disseminate the survey to get a wide a reach as possible before the next election. Another suggestion was to investigate commercial property in Lyon Township for possible library use.

iii. Election timing:

There are 3 available dates in 2017 for a library election: May 2, August 8, and November 7. Oakland County filing dates and Township and Library Board approval dates was provided by Director Teasdale. At this time none of these dates are general elections nor is there anything else on the ballot and the Library would be responsible for the cost of the election.

iv. Election options:

Several options and strategies for the necessary library election were discussed at the meeting but no decision will be made until more background research has been collected. It was stressed that a Library operating millage has to be on one of the three possible election dates as the current operating millage of .528 expires.

9. New Business: None

10. Items removed from the Consent Agenda for action or discussion: none

11. Trustee Comments:

Board members thanked the public for their interest in the library, their concern about keeping our staff, importance of accomplishing our tasks as mentioned in the minutes, the importance of listening to the public and giving them what they want. Director Teasdale stated other library staff/directors offered support and said we ran a good campaign.

Comments from the public were entertained.

12. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Freund and second by Ray to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Pat Freund
Secretary