

Lyon Township Library Board Minutes
Special Meeting
January 5, 2016

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Library Board President Jim Chuck.
2. Roll Call: Board Members present were Jim Chuck, Amy Deeds, Alice FitzGerald, Mary Pat Freund, Cathy Gateman, and Judy Ray. Library Director Holly Teasdale and Recording Secretary Pam Quackenbush were also present. Jim Mumby and Ann Dilcher from Quinn Evans Architects were present, as was Kris Enlow from the Lyon Township Planning Commission.
3. Call to the Public: none
4. Approval of the Agenda: There was no consent agenda for this meeting. Motion by Freund and second by Ray to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business:
 - Needs Assessment Update:
Jim Mumby began by passing out handouts and identifying the eight sites that are being looked at as possible library building locations. He explained that they looked at the entire township for a diverse mix. Some properties were owned by the township and some were privately owned. The library would need a minimum of three acres of usable land, preferably more in case expansion is required at a later date.
Kris Enlow went through each site and discussed the challenges and advantages of each. He suggested that the sites be narrowed down to two or three after the community meeting on January 14.
6. New Business:
 - Workshop for Board Members on New Library Planning: Mumby presented handouts comparing Lyon Township Public Library with other libraries, and some possible scenarios for the size of library Lyon Township might consider. He said they board was dealing with three buckets: the land, the building bond, and the operating expenses. If the chosen site is owned by the township, the land portion is taken care of. He pointed out that the size of the building needs for be decided before the board can make financial decisions and come up with a millage rate for the bond. The board needs to decide what is realistic for the community at this time. He pointed out that the first community meeting is the beginning of a transparent process of making these decisions.

7. Trustee Comments:
Trustee Ray feels she likes the Abbey Park site the best.
Trustee Freund said she enjoyed the meeting and liked the handouts and graphics.
Trustee Deeds also liked the comparison charts and thanked the QEA team for speaking.
Trustee FitzGerald appreciated that the information was factual and not subjective, and said it helped her reach informed decisions.
Trustee Gateman commented that she learned a lot about where she lives and thought the QEA team did a good job making it understandable. She said she thinks that if we can tap into community pride, ultimately lay people will be able to look to the library board for recommendations equating a brick and mortar building to what it means in increased services.
Trustee Chuck welcomed Cathy Gateman to the Library Board. He also stated that this is not his first millage election. He feels the information is quantitative and he thinks we have a good team. He said he hopes residents will understand that property values are helped by a new library. He reminded that board the election is 32 weeks away!
8. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Chuck and second by Gateman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Quackenbush
Recording Secretary