

Lyon Township Library Board Minutes  
June 30, 2015

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, and Mary Pat Freund. Library Director Holly Teasdle, Marketing and Program Coordinator Michelle Fields, and Recording Secretary Pam Quackenbush were also present. Trustees Judy Ray and Sue Bell were excused.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion by Chuck and second by Freund to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Call to the Public: Guests present were Township Trustee Sean O'Neil and Township Treasurer Michele Cash.
5. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Freund and second by Deeds to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Approval of Bills: None
7. Announcements and Communications:  
DDA Meeting: no one attended  
Lyon Township Board Meeting: No meeting had been held since last library board meeting  
Township/DDA Events: Ethnic Festival Saturday, August 15
8. Old Business:
  - a. 2016 Library Millage Planning – guests Township Trustee Sean O'Neil and Township Treasurer Michele Cash: Director Teasdle explained to the guests that a library millage renewal will be on the ballot in 2016. The amount is yet to be determined, but will include funds to expand services, collections, expand downloadable offerings, technology, staffing, marketing, and increasing the hours the library is open.  
Director Teasdle also addressed the growing concern being expressed by many patrons that the next millage will not include funds to build a new library. The fact that there still isn't a clear message from the township on where the library should be located is a major hurdle for planning for the future.  
Township Trustee Sean O'Neil stated that he feels the township and library should be perceived as aligned and the library is an important township service. Growing, responsible communities such as Lyon Township should have a good library, and if you don't give young

families the amenities they need they won't move here.

Director Teasdale outlined some of the problems the library has had in the past securing funding, including the lack of identity for Lyon Township and the fact that many people don't understand how libraries are funded. O'Neil agreed, stating many people don't realize where they live or to whom they pay taxes. The public has to be educated on the library we have, the library we could have, and how to pay for it.

Township Treasurer Michele Cash stated she would like to see the library ask for the millage renewal in 2016 and try for funding to build a new library as soon as possible after the future location is settled. Trustee Chuck stated that we have always delivered on our millage promises in the past, and that won't change.

O'Neil suggested that if we could include other services, making it a multi-use facility, it will be attractive to more people.

Director Teasdale stated that many new libraries are including maker spaces, commercial kitchens, post offices, cafes, senior centers, and other services that bring in revenue as well as people. Parking and expandability are also big issues to consider when choosing a location. We need to be able to paint a picture for the residents of what they will be voting for.

Trustee Freund asked what building locations are available.

Sean O'Neil questioned if the center of New Hudson is the best location, considering the traffic.

Michele Cash noted that the Eleven Mile and Milford Road location has lots of room, and it could also be the future location of a recreational center or senior center.

Director Teasdale brought up the need for a survey of the residents before we settle on anything. Trustee Chuck agreed, and said that anytime we are asking for public money we need to hear from the community.

The Library Board thanked O'Neil and Cash for attending.

9. New Business: There was no new business.
10. Items removed from the Consent Agenda for action or discussion: none
11. Trustee Comments:
  - Trustee FitzGerald thanked the guests and said she was looking forward to working with them as the campaign progresses.
  - Trustee Deeds agreed with FitzGerald and said she loved the enthusiasm of the guests.
  - Trustee Freund also agreed and like the feeling of having a good relationship with members of the township board and hoped the other members of the township board would share the enthusiasm of tonight's guests.

Trustee Chuck stated that working together will make us strong, and that when he moved here the staff was poorly paid, and taking care of staff helps the whole library.

12. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Freund and second by FitzGerald to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Quackenbush  
Recording Secretary.