

Lyon Township Library Board Minutes
Virtual Meeting – Special Meeting
June 17, 2021

1. Call to Order at 3:04 p.m. by Library Board President Cheryl Chuck
2. Roll Call and Declaration of Board Members present location:
Joshua Bissoon-Dath – not present
Cheryl Chuck – Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
Ed Coles – Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
Amy Deeds –Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
Don Gehrlein – Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
Sherri Rogge – Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
Library Director Holly Teasdale, Marketing and Outreach Librarian Katie Rothley, and Recording Secretary Pam Quackenbush also attended.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion by Bissoon-Dath and second by Coles to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Call to the Public: none
5. Old Business
 - a. LTPL Strategic Planning:
 - Cheryl Chuck noted that the Library Board has to call Michelle Cash to get on the agenda to present the board with pertinent documents that were previously presented to the Township Board at the March 2, 2020 Township Board meeting. These documents included the Library Strategic Plan, the revised needs assessment from Quinn Evans & Associates with mock-up of the new library floor plan, and the 2019 Library Annual Report.
 - The board discussed the challenge of strategizing and planning presentations to the Township Board because they meet at the beginning of the month, shortly after Library Board meetings which are at the end of the month.
 - Since the Township Board of Trustees has declined to let the library use the Mill River property that was previously designated to be used for the library, the library will need to investigate other township owned properties that might be suitable. Approximately 8 acres will be required for the building, parking, and outdoor programming area. The Library Board desires to use property already owned by the township rather than add the expense of buying land to the cost of a new library.

- Director Teasdale explained that if the possibility of adding to or replacing the current building and parking lot as well as adding outdoor program area is put on the table, the land would first have to be evaluated for suitability and if it is suitable, the land and building would need to become the property of the library. Other possibilities include adding pre-fab modular building units that attach to the library. Unattached units could also be used, but would provide challenges with staffing, bathrooms, heating, and cooling. Foundation pads would need to be put outside of the parking lot area to avoid giving up any parking spaces.
 - The need for a grassroots movement of involved residents was discussed, including a mechanism for them to easily communicate, strategize and have easy access to documents and meeting minutes through social media.
 - Residents are finding the current structure of online Township Board meetings difficult since they are viewed on YouTube but one has to call in to a different number to make a comment. Some resident's calls were not answered and they were unable to make their comments.
 - Trustee Gehrlein volunteered to attend planning commission meetings to investigate if and how the township's master plan provides for library service for the community.
6. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Coles and second by Gehrlein to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by
Pam Quackenbush
Recording Secretary