

## MINUTES OF THE DEWITT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, April 11, 2007

Members Present: Wayne Summers, Laura Webb, Diane Mosier, Lisa Sullivan, Harriet Smith, Greg Ostrander, Gale Arent, Rene Prado

Dave Goodman

- A. **Call to Order** - 7:04 p.m.
- B. **Approval of Agenda:** Two items added to agenda. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Sullivan. Second - Smith. Motion approved by voice vote.
- C. **David Milling Presentation.** Mr. Milling and his colleagues provided follow-up information from the previous public forum and reviewed sketches of possible facility layouts. Agenda items for the next two public meetings was, also, discussed. In order to assist the architects with continued, timely progress, there will be a special public Board meeting on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Prado to provide required notice and posting.
- D. **Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2007 Meeting.** Ostrander and Arent offered corrections to the minutes. Motion to approve minutes as amended Sullivan. Second - Mosier. Passed by voice vote.
- E. **Public Comment:** Dave Goodman commented on how disturbing it is to have cellular phones ringing in the Library. Summers indicated that the Board would look into how other libraries handle this issue.
- F. **Reports**
  1. **Communications** – Prado.
    - a. Letter from Larry and Mary Jones dated March 18, 2007.
    - b. Letter from Colette Davis dated March 3, 2007.
  2. **Treasurer Report** - Prado.
    - a. Proposed vouchers presented to Board. Motion to approve vouchers – Mosier. Second – Ostrander. Motion approved by voice vote.
    - b. Updated balance sheet presented to Board and discussed.

3. **Director's Report** - Prado submitted written report which covered satellite update, outreach to dropoff facilities, tax sign at Post Office, staffing notes, and Gates Foundation training. The Board expressed its sympathy for the loss of Roger Davis.

4. **Friends of the Library** – The Board received and placed on file a report from the Friends.

5. **Township Contract Areas** – None.

6. **Facility Needs** - None.

G. **Pending Business** –

1. **Land Negotiation.** Summers updated the Board on negotiations with Norm Farnum. Summers has, also, been working with the Library's attorneys. Motion to negotiate for two (2) additional acres of non-frontage, adjacent property - Sullivan. Second - Webb. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. **Newspaper/Advertising Rates** – Prado provided follow-up information about advertising and insert options and rates for possible future use, regarding efforts to publicize Library business.

3. **Press** – Webb expressed her concerns about repeated misleading information in printed articles about the size of the proposed Library. The Board discussed ways to clarify this issue. Summers asked Sullivan to prepare a press release and include, in part, this clarification after the next public forum.

H. **New Business**

1. **2007-2008 Budget** – Summers provided a proposed budget to the Board for review before the May meeting.

2. **Resolution to Suspend Language in the Capital Library Cooperative Agreement** – Prado. Because the Capital Library Cooperative is dissolving, all of its members need to pass a resolution to suspend the six-month notice requirement in the Capital Library Cooperative Agreement. Motion to adopt the resolution – Mosier. Second – Ostrander. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yeas – Summers, Mosier, Arent, Smith, Ostrander, Webb, and Sullivan. Nays – None.

3. **Resolution to Withdraw from th Capital Library Cooperative** – Motion to adopt the resolution – Mosier. Second – Sullivan. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yeas – Summers, Mosier, Arent, Smith, Ostrander, Webb, and Sullivan. Nays – None.

4. **Resolution to Join the White Pine Cooperative** – Motion to adopt the resolution – Ostrander. Second – Mosier. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yeas – Summers, Mosier, Arent, Smith, Ostrander, Webb, and Sullivan. Nays – None.

5. **Training Session for Library Trustees** – There will be a three (3) hour training session for Library Trustees. The session will be held on a date to be determined from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Once a date is established, other Library Trustees will be invited to join the training if they so choose.

I. **Public Comments** – None.

J. **Board Comments** – Arent apologized that previous commitments may result in him missing some of the public and special Board meetings.

K. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Smith at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Sullivan