

DeWITT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING held at
DeWitt Charter Township
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
Monday, January 28, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 5:23 p.m. by President Wayne Summers.

Members Present: Gale Arent, Laura Webb (arrived late), Diane Mosier, Paul Perpich, Harriet Smith, Wayne Summers, and Brian Vick.

Also Present: Director Rene Prado and Norm Farnum

Special Meeting purpose: to discuss the terms and naming rights of a proposed new Library facility, as it relates to the possible donation of property for the same by Norm and Renee Farnum.

Public Comment: None

Stated Business:

Norm Farnum stated (in response to the discussion at the previous meeting) that he and his wife have discussed the topic of the naming of a new Library on property they are proposing to donate for this use. He stated that their preference remains the William E. Drouin Library (of DeWitt) and he included the following: 1)the William E. Drouin Library is the important part of their preference 2)they are fine with sharing the name with the DeWitt Public Library District, or any other addition to the William E. Drouin Library that the Library deems appropriate for the facility 3)if the Library Board wants to appoint a committee to define appropriate naming options, they are willing to listen 4)they understand that if the Library determines to make an addition of a Cultural Center at a later date, the name of that Cultural Center could include the name of a different donor, should one surface.

The Board discussed and clarified the above issues and Mr. Farnum then left the meeting.

Consensus of the Board: to concur with the terms of the Farnum donation as stated within the written agreement, with the addition of specific language adding to the name the Farnum's prefer.

Mosier moved, Arent seconded, to request that the attorney add language to the written agreement proposed for the Farnum land donation, said agreement naming the "William E. Drouin Library": to include language to also allow the Library to add its name to the Library, said name to be determined at the Library's discretion. Motion voted and carried.

Brief discussion of names centered upon the "DeWitt Public Library District." No action was taken.

Director Prado was requested to contact the attorney to add the language a specified. It was determined that a Special Meeting should be scheduled to allow the Board to act on the final agreement. Mosier was asked to have the draft minutes available to Director Prado by January 30th.

Arent moved, Vick seconded, to schedule a Special Meeting for Monday, February 4, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the land donation agreement with Norm and Renee Farnum. Motion voted and carried.

Comments:

President Summers stated that it is time again for the Director's review and contract discussion. He requested that Board members provide their comments to him for assistance in the process.

Member Smith initiated brief discussion regarding the Friends of the Library comments at the previous Special Meeting.

Discussion determined that the names and information about Library Board members is public information and can be provided upon request. It was noted that members receiving written communication from the public should copy the entire Board with the same.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Recording Secretary