

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

John Clyde *present*
Mayor Kramer *present*
January Adams *present*

Nicholas Ciampa *present*
Carolyn Armstrong *present*

Iris Kislin *present*

During the public portion of the meeting, John motioned to move into executive session to discuss property negotiations. Iris seconded, all were in favor and the board went into executive session at 5:45 p.m.

Members of the subcommittee are now Nick, John and Iris. Nick stated that he had thought that the subcommittee was ready to get together with the township to discuss the financial and logistical aspects of the project, but Vince Dominach, who is the point person, had disagreed. Vince supplied a list of actions/information that needed to be completed. These included: an environmental study; cost estimates of land acquisition, site preparation, permits, construction, outfitting, etc.; a statement of what other projects the library plans; and a statement of the money available. As far as the question regarding the money available, Nick stated that the library had five million dollars. The Mayor thought that the library could pay off a large portion of a bond contribution and added that the library might be asked to contribute one million dollars to the building that would house the northern branch. Nick cited precedent that municipalities own and maintain library buildings and argued against such a contribution.

Nick noted that the library will need to replace the gallery roof in approximately nine years and John said that the library should be setting aside money for that project.

Nick mentioned that he had talked to Mike Ford at Van Cleef and asked about environmental studies. Mike had told him that some people decide to look for contaminants but it is unlikely that this is an important issue. Mike also stated that the DEP could give us a "letter of interpretation" and that he would discuss this with Vince Dominach.

The Mayor proposed that the subcommittee find out the appropriate protocol for hiring an architect or anyone connected with this project and present it to the group. All present agreed with this idea.

The session concluded at 6:20 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services