

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held on August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Barrington Area Library pursuant to notices sent to the board and press and posted on August 19, 2016.

Present and acting as trustees:

Donald F. Minner, President
Carolyn Welch Clifford, Vice President
Carrie F. Carr, Treasurer
Barbara Pintozzi, Secretary
Denise Devereux-Peters
William J. Pizzi
Denise Tenyer

Also in attendance were:

Richard Ryan
Shaun Kelly, Engberg Anderson
Detlev Pansch, Executive Director

Mr. Minner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kelly reported on where the planning for the resurfacing of the parking lot was at. He and his engineer met with the Village of Barrington to show them what we had planned regarding resurfacing of the parking lot.

Mr. Minner asked that each trustee share their thoughts on the proposed Lake Zurich Road realignment project proposed by the Village.

Ms. Tenyer noted that the question of eminent domain had been resolved with the legal opinion provided by the Library's attorney.

Ms. Pintozzi questioned the benefits to the Library that the Village claims. Wait times to exit would increase rather than be reduced. There was nothing that proved that this was a good idea and hence would not support the project as proposed.

Ms. Clifford said that the Village has not made its case for the safety concerns with the documents that were provided to the Library and in the context of the underpass project that may never happen. In the interim the Village should also explore other alternatives for safety with Lake Zurich Road as it is currently configured and with the trains. Cannot support the project as proposed.

Ms. Devereux-Peters stated that as board members they needed to be concerned for the best interest of the Library and its patrons. The Lake Zurich Road realignment would create more problems potentially sitting there many years before the underpass is built.

Ms. Carr stated that she is not in favor of the project for all the same reasons that have been mentioned. This would add yet another year of construction at the Library. A question is whether this really benefits the community or the people that would use it as a pass through. The Village should examine other alternatives for safety with the trains.

Mr. Pizzi said that the Library should not be compelled to be the first phase of this project and only should consider if it were to be done at the same time as the underpass.

Mr. Minner asked Richard Ryan, a member of the public, his opinion. Mr. Ryan said that he didn't understand why there could not be a signal for people exiting the Library onto Lake Zurich Road in the plan that was presented by the Village.

Mr. Minner said that he supported the Village's efforts to develop the route 14 underpass, and noted that it would benefit Library patrons if and when completed. However, without an agreement to develop the underpass in hand, he agreed with the other trustees that the Lake Zurich road realignment was not beneficial to Library patrons. He also noted that the Village could act on their safety concerns in other ways immediately by, for example, making Lake Zurich Road right in and right out only with no left turn onto Route 14. He also stated that in his opinion, the money that will be offered to the Library by the Village would not be a determining factor in whether to accept the Village's proposal. He felt the Village should return to discuss the road realignment when the underpass project was completely secured.

Director Pansch was asked his opinion. His main concern is what is in the best interest for the Library and its patrons. The proposed project provides no real benefit to the Library and actually negatively impacts the Library in significant ways, as well as, curtailing future options. He also felt that this project should be revisited when the underpass project was going to move forward so that other options for Lake Zurich Road could be considered. Furthermore he expressed his concern for adding another construction season on top of the two year construction timeline for the underpass by not coordinating both projects.

Ms. Carr moved, and Mr. Pizzi seconded, to adjourn.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Carr, Devereux-Peters, Pintozzi, Pizzi, Tenyer

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED.

Adjournment was at 7:50 p.m.


Barbara Pintozzi, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on

September 12, 2016