

Library Committee

Minutes

October 7, 2008

Present: Grant, Hobart, James, Manning, Randle, Rose,
Rothstein, Warba, Sobers, Gifford, Rorabaugh,
and Hosking

Absent: Mossel

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Hobart moved supported by Rose to accept the September 4th minutes. Minutes were accepted as presented. Lorraine reminded the committee that the minutes of August 26th have not been approved.

Lorraine offered to find out about Township millages. What the caps are and how much is currently being levied.

Carleen Rose - after listening to Jerry and Bill's proposal, she thinks that pros and cons of each possible location need to be listed. This should also be included in the final presentation to the City Commission.

Marlies Manning – thought on location – maybe the committee should look at tearing down the current building and keeping the current site for new construction. The site across from City Hall may not be possible for a few more years because of some grant restrictions.

Jerry W. and Bill S. were asked to attend the meeting tonight to make a presentation to the committee. They responded that they did not want to attend and neither one of them were present.

Luanne Rothstein asked committee members if they were now more comfortable with the knowledge of district libraries and the educational sessions. All committee members were comfortable except Ryan and Randle. Randle believes a district library will be good for the township and not the City. Ryan does not want another taxing corporation.

Rose cautioned committee that community might not be comfortable with the knowledge.

The committee did ask for a conceptual design for a 16,000 sq foot building. Fourteen companies were interested and 9 replied. It has all been put on hold for the time being.

The petition that has been circulating was discussed. It was not well received by most members of the committee. Mark checked and nothing has been turned into the City Clerk's Office.

Audience – Mary asked about tax schedules – committee will update those.

Jerry – believed petition was absolutely junk.

Mary – can district library be built in the township. Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16p.m. Next meeting will be on November 19th at 8 a.m.