

May 7, 1964

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library was held in the Conference Room of the Library May 7, 1964, at 8:15 p.m.

Present: C. V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, L. O. Green, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Louis Weingart, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian. Also present: Mrs. M. Sarver for the purpose of recording the minutes.

Mr. L. O. Green, president, presided.

The president explained the purpose of calling the meeting was to discuss whether the Library Board would cooperate with School District 68 in acquiring the property north of Old Orchard Junior High School at Gross Point and Kenton Avenue, which has an appraised value of \$306,000.

An opinion was stated that the Library Board should not be rushed into making this decision in such a short time and more time should be devoted to studying the project. The answer to this statement was that the problem is not that the Library Board is "being put on the spot" but rather what the Library wants to do about purchasing property for a branch - and is there anything else available?

Further comment was made that inasmuch as we have committed ourselves for an expansion to the main library, perhaps we could get along with Bookmobiles for a few years, but the north end of town is the logical place for a branch library.

A dislike for the location was mentioned because it is on two highways and across from a large shopping area.

An inquiry was made as to the amount of money available for purchase of property or expansion. The answer was approximately \$117,000. The problem with waiting is if the Village rezones this property to multiple dwellings then the price would be prohibitive.

The president stated that his thinking was that the expansion of this

building, purchase of property, erecting a branch and allowance for increased cost of operation should all be tied together in one referendum.

Motion by Mr. Weingart:

Motion: That the question of branch libraries be deferred until a later date and that further thought be given to the subject.

The motion was not seconded as acknowledged by the president.

It was further stated that there are only two pieces of property available in the north end of Skokie for building a branch. The only alternative would be to rent a store in some building that has been constructed and convert it into a library which is usually much more expensive.


Mr. Erickson made the following motion:

Motion: That the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library notify School District No. 68, the officials and Mayor of the Village Board of Trustees they are definitely interested in acquiring the property north of Old Orchard Junior High School at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue for a future branch library and requesting that the Village Board deny any change in the zoning of this property.

Mrs. Petty seconded the motion. Affirmative votes: Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Petty, and Mr. Erickson. Negative: Mr. Weingart.

The president instructed the librarian to draft a letter notifying School District 68 and Mayor Greisdorf of the Board's action.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p. m.


Selma Petty, Secretary