

April 22, 1964

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held April 22, 1964, in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: Conroy V. Erickson, L. O. Green, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Rabbi Karl Weiner, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian. Also present: Mrs. M. Sarver.

The president, L. O. Green, presided.

Mr. Green explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the meeting which the Library Board had with School District No. 68 and the Park District in relation to purchase of the property north of Old Orchard Junior High, at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue. Along with Mr. Green, in attendance at this meeting were Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Mrs. Daniel Petty and Miss Mary Radmacher. The property consists of several parcels owned by the Kenton Corporation which is planning to erect multiple dwellings thereon. Sharp Corners School needs additional land beyond the school; the Park District had looked at the ground; and the Village seemed interested in preserving it as a public possession. At the last Village Board meeting the question of rezoning that property was to be discussed and voted upon, if possible. Mr. Green, in compliance with the wishes of the Board, had presented a letter to the Village Board at that time asking them to delay any action in that direction. It is planned to purchase this land by eminent domain. Mr. Green read an opinion from Scott McDowell, which was also submitted to the School District, in which Mr. McDowell stated he felt the School District might not be able to acquire by eminent domain property which they would sell to the Library at a later time. This procedure might be questioned by the taxpayers. On the other hand he felt the Library could not purchase it by eminent domain. The Park District could, but they want such a small portion, they probably would not. The Village could condemn it easier than anybody else and later resell to the School District or the

Library without creating a questionable situation. He recommended that each of the interested parties file condemnation proceedings for the particular property they wanted.

At that meeting the asking price was not known. School District 68 asked if the Library Board and Park Board would share with them the cost of hiring an appraiser. The School Board has approved up to \$400 for this expense, the Park District has approved \$200, and the Library Board is asked to approve \$400, as their share. Motion by Rabbi Weiner and seconded by Mrs. Petty.

Motion: That the Skokie Public Library will assume up to four hundred dollars (\$400) of the cost for appraisal of the property at Gross Point and Kenton Avenue.

All affirmative votes.

Mr. Green instructed Miss Radmacher to advise Mr. Wesley Gibbs of the Board's action. He suggested the possibility that the appraisal would be ready by the next regular meeting but if anything unforeseen should occur it may be necessary to call a meeting prior to that date.

Latest report on action toward acquisition of the property next to the Library is that the Chicago Office of the Federal Government has approved the purchase and sent a recommendation to Washington for open space funds.

The Park District has intimated they would be interested in talking with the Library about a building in connection with some of their property where they plan to create a park.

Mention was made of the fact that if the lack of funds for building becomes a problem there are people who might be interested in erecting a building to the library's specifications and renting it on a long-term lease.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Selma Petty, Secretary