

April 9, 2008

Minutes of the closed meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library held in the Skokie Public Library Board Room, Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

CALL TO ORDER

John Graham, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Members present: John Graham, President; Diana Hunter, Vice President/President Emerita; Dayle Zelenka, Secretary; Richard Basofin; Susan Greer; Zelda Rich; John M. Wozniak; and Carolyn A. Anthony, Director.

Staff present: Barbara A. Kozlowski, Associate Director for Public Services.

LAND ACQUISITION

In December 2007 the Library secured an appraisal of 7935 Park Avenue by appraiser Darwin Dietrick. It was his opinion that the highest and best use of the property was land only because it was a non-conforming lot. The owners decided to secure their own appraisal. The Library has yet to hear from the owners regarding their appraisal.

In the meantime, Library legal counsel suggested the Library get another appraisal from an MAI appraiser, as Mr. Dietrick is not. The new appraisal was distributed to the Board. The owners' attorney also argues that there should be a premium paid for being the last parcel.

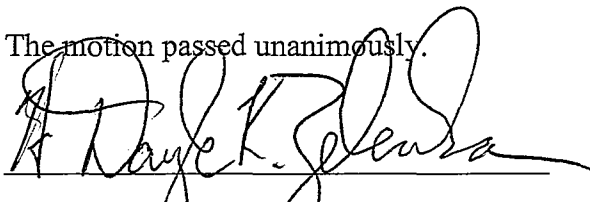
The Board asked Mrs. Anthony to contact Library legal counsel and give the owners 30 or 45 days to make a decision. If there is no response, the Board will proceed with eminent domain. Mr. Graham asked the Board to be available with 48 hours notice in the event a special meeting needs to be called.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:31 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Wozniak:

MOTION: THAT THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION.

The motion passed unanimously.



Dayle Zelenka, Secretary