

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Special Meeting

June 15, 2022

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Frank Pasternak.

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Frank Pasternak, Don McIntosh, Annette Majka, Zosia Ladak, Richard Palmer, and Lorie Barnwell.

Also Present: Oksana Urban, Warren Library Director, and Laura Sullivan, City of Warren Attorney.

3. Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of June

13, 2022: Majka moved to approve the agenda and to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 13, 2022, with the correction of the discussion item related to cost savings, supported by Ladak; motion carried.

4. Discussion Item: Summer Library Hours:

Based on the proposal reviewed and agreed to at the Special Meeting of June 13, 2022, additional hours have been proposed to have a second library opened on Saturday (from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM). The location of this second library would be to help serve the patrons in the southern area of Warren. The agreed upon June 13, 2022 proposal would also provide evening hour coverage by at least one of the four libraries verses the current normal evening hour coverage of at least two evenings a week by the four libraries.

All summer library programs will continue as planned. And, the libraries will return to their normal scheduled hours in September.

5. Audience Participation:

All of the participations expressed concern with not having more evening hours available at various branches under the revised proposal. Currently, there are at least two libraries providing evening hours Monday through Thursday. Due to family work and activity schedules at various times in a week a need for additional evening hours was needed. There was agreement to having only two of the four libraries opened on Saturday during the two summer months.

6. Action Item:

Barnwell made a motion to have two library branches open every evening (until 8:00 PM) from Monday through Thursday, and to have two branches open on Saturday with one located in the south of Warren, support by Palmer; motion approved by a vote of four to two.

7. Adjournment:

McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, supported Majka; motion carried.

Donald J. McIntosh, Secretary