

## Worth Township Advisory Board Meeting

**Date:** August 10, 2020

**Location:** Lions Park 7 North Main Street in Whitestown, Indiana

- **Meeting called to order:** 6:30pm
- **Present:** Anne Bohm, Mike Hancock, Andrew Heffner
- **Absent:** None
- **Trustee:** Jim Baldwin was present

**Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve made by Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne

**Vote 3-0**

**Action on Previous Minutes of 7/21/2020:** Motion to approve made by Anne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew **Vote 3-0**

### **Agenda Item 1: Library expansion proposal**

Attorney Jeff Jacob presented an overview of the legal issues in this matter, and explained that the resolution we were considering this evening was the second part of a 2-phase resolution that includes the amended proposal that has been expected from the Hussey Mayfield Memorial Public Library. This Resolution finalizes the decision to accept the HMMPL proposal. It was also noted that the "Notice of intent to file a petition for acceptance of expansion proposal" was published for the Lebanon Public Library.

Board discussion was opened, and Mike noted that he was conflicted about this follow-up resolution. On one hand Mike acknowledges that the decision has been made and we should move forward to create the best library possible, but on the other hand this resolution instructs Lebanon to withdraw from a process for which they have a legal right to pursue, and for which many in the public continue to support. There was no other board discussion.

A Public question was accepted from Shelby Hasz who doesn't understand why there is another vote taking place, and said the public didn't realize another vote was being taken. She expressed her disappointment with the process and the decision made.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-05 was made by Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne **Vote 2-1 (Mike voted Nay)****

Next Steps for the Hussey Mayfield Memorial Public Library

Scott Chin, Attorney representing HMMPL gave a quick explanation of the next steps in the process. They are ready to move forward quickly. Legal filings will be made very soon, and Worth residents will be able to get library services right away. The first taxes paid by Worth residents will happen in 2022.

Sara Moore said library cards would be available immediately. HMMPL plans to create an advisory group of 5-7 people from Worth Township to guide this process and the design of our library branch. HMMPL does not have land yet. Trustee Baldwin will monitor the advisory committee.

Worth Township Attorney Jeff Jacob reiterated that this will bring an end to the current library card program instituted and operated by the Township Trustee. Trustee Baldwin will provide written notice to the Lebanon and Zionsville library with regards to the current contracts.

Vote 3-0


**Announcements:** Trustee Baldwin will solicit residents for the advisory committee

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Anne @6:57pm

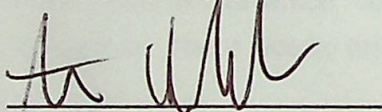
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Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hancock, Secretary, Worth Township Advisory Board  
Worth Township, Boone County, Indiana, USA

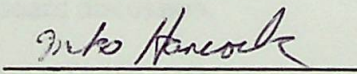
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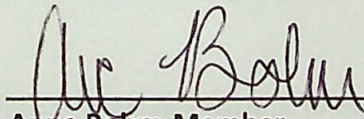
Jim Baldwin-Trustee

  
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Andrew Heffner-President

  
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Mike Hancock-Secretary

  
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Anne Bohm-Member

