

Minutes
Of the Edison Township Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting of February 26, 2020

Present: Neville Arestani, Lisa Krauze, Patricia Massey, Fiona Meade, Suzanne Cason O’Neill, Shannon Peng, Maureen Ruane, David Ye.

Absent/Not Excused: Vasant Naik.

Also Present: Dominick Bratti (board attorney), Timur Davis (acting library director), Samip Joshi (Council liaison), Satyan Rayal (SAGE Architects), Heidi Stokar (library staff).

Call to order

President Patricia Massey called the meeting to order at the Township Building at 7:02 pm and read the Open Public Meeting Act statement. In the absence of the secretary, the library’s senior administrative assistant was appointed secretary pro tem.

Special Business: New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act; proposed building plans; initial concept

The president asked Councilor Joshi to present the Construction Bond Act and address concerns. He said that the proposal will not increase taxes and meet the community’s needs. Phase 1 will focus on the North Edison Branch of the Library. The grant allows applies to one building structure at a time, therefore the other library branches will be the focus of future phases.

Mr. Satyan Rawal from SAGE Architects presented the initial concept for Phase 1.

Mr. Davis spoke on four main concepts: Digital and Virtual Reality Learning Center, Café, Convertible Amphitheatre and advanced meeting areas and Makerspaces.

Approval of Resolution to apply for grant – Resolution read by the president.

The Township of Edison and Edison Public Library Board of Trustees hereby certifies that permission has been granted to apply for the project grant entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act for the purposes described in the application in the amount of \$3,060,000.

The filing of this application was authorized at the official meeting of the government governing body of the Edison Public Library held on February 26th, 2020.

Moved by Patricia Massey, seconded by Lisa Krause. All present in favor, none opposed or abstained.

Approval of Resolution for certification of matching funds - Resolution read by the president.

Whereas, the Township of Edison and the Edison Public Library hereby certify that permission has been granted to apply for the project entitled the *New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act* in the amount \$3,060,000.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Edison Public Library hereby certifies to provide the 50% match for this project to any awarded grant funding through the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act program, through its trust, not to exceed \$1,530,000. As such the governing body of the Edison Public Library certifies that we will provide the required matched funds.

The matched required for this application was authorized at the official meeting of the governing body of Edison Township Public Library held today on February 26th, 2020.

Moved by Patricia Massey, seconded by Lisa Krauze. All present in favor, none opposed or abstained.

Public Comments were heard.

It was moved by Mr. Arestani to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa Krauze. All present in favor, none opposed or abstained.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Heidi Stokar
Secretary pro tem