

OLYMPIA FIELDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Olympia Fields Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:41 pm.

Trustees Present: Howard Robinson, Carolyn Johnson, Jerry Pierson, and Elizabeth Hadala

Absent: Sherry Demian, Dr. Taneen Brinson, and Dr. Kametta Clark

Also Present: Library Director Barbara Osuch and Olympia Fields Executive Assistant/Director of Communications Jessica Washington

MINUTES

Trustee Pierson moved to table the approval of the minutes of the January meeting.

Trustee Hadala seconded.

The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Robinson had no correspondence to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In January, the financial report had been tabled until the April meeting when the treasurer returns.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

The board will wait until the April meeting to discuss plans for repairing or replacing the two Little Free Libraries in the village. President Robinson noted the information that Library Director Osuch shared about Little Free Libraries made from weather-resistant composite materials.

ELECTION

Ms. Washington noted that all the library trustee terms have been submitted and certified for the ballot on the April 4th election.

President Robinson noted that he updated the list of trustees who need to file a Cook County Ethics Statement.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Library Director Osuch provided an update on the library's construction project underway for a new

drive-up window, new manual book returns, and reconfiguration of the parking lot to create proper traffic flow and new drive-up lane. Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 27 and finish in early June. Library Director Osuch is hoping for minimal disruption to the regular hours and services, since the construction will happen in the back of the library. For the safety of all concerned, the book return and pickup for curbside services have temporarily been relocated to the end of the sidewalk in the front of the building.

The drive-up window is intended for quick transactions such as picking up library items or renewing an item. The building will remain open for all other transactions and browsing for those who wish to stay a while.

Patrons can reserve their materials either through the online catalog or by calling ahead. Patrons will be notified when their materials can be picked up at the window in all types of weather.

OLYMPIA FIELDS VILLAGE REPORT

Ms. Washington shared copies of the December 2022/January 2023 Olympia Fields Village Newsletter, which included a nice write-up about the two Little Free Libraries in Olympia Fields. She also shared an editorial calendar of upcoming newsletters and hopes to include a feature on library trustees. She also updated the trustees on the new monthly water billing cycle the village is implementing. She also noted early plans underway for planning committees for the village's 100th anniversary celebration in 2027.

The village will be hosting the BMW Golf Tournament August 15 -20, and will have many volunteer opportunities for residents. Information will be posted on the village's website.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Pierson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Johnson seconded.

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm