

A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Tuesday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m. at the Hughes Library of the EMPL for the purpose of discussing properties for a new Smithfields branch facility.

Present: B. Huffman, T. Weitzmann, M. Liberman, L. Kline, J. Morganthau, P. Gibson, B. Ewen.

Absent:

Staff: S. Butler, B. Keiser

Guests: D. Pierce, Pocono Record, J. Pooley, C. Pooley

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by T. Weitzmann. He explained there may be a need to go into Executive Session to discuss specific figures not ready for the public.

J. Morganthau explained some background regarding what we are looking at – a condo arrangement, parking, other tenants.

The property is about as far south as we would want it - sort of the northern end of Smf Twp., on route 209 which is a plus. It is a good size – 7800 sq. feet. The owner would finish on the library's behalf. We would buy it completed. We would be able to be in the building sooner than buying property and building. It is below the 209 bypass, south of the intersection of route 209 at Marshalls Creek.

P. Gibson asked about the issue with the parking. There are 44 dedicated parking spaces. It was asked if we could purchase the area of parking spaces. This is a complicated issue because of the condo arrangement. We might need an agreement that says parking spaces are dedicated to us, but we can't purchase them.

TW/BH moved to go into Exec Session at 8:50 a.m. Carried.

ML/LK moved to come out of Exec Session at 10:05. Carried.

JM/LK moved to send a letter to the owner stating the library is unable to move forward with the project. Carried. TW recused himself from the vote.

D. Pierce asked the reason for the vote. It was explained the library is unable to afford it at this time. J. Morganthau explained there will be some fundraising efforts before moving forward with the purchase of any property.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.