

**MINUTES - INFORMAL DISCUSSION SESSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SMITHTOWN LIBRARY
March 15, 2016**

In the absence of a quorum, an informal discussion session of the Board of Trustees of the Smithtown Library was held at the Commack Branch, Commack, New York, on the 15th day of March, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Library Trustees were present and participating: Gerard J. Cairns, John C. Martins and Otis M. Thornhill.

Also present were Library Director Robert Lusak, Treasurer Joanne T. Grove and Linda Taurassi, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Library Board President John Martins directed the discussion and Linda Taurassi, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, took notes.

The absence of a quorum was noted and no action was taken. An informal discussion session followed.

Topics included:

1. Treasurer Joanne Grove was instructed to release those checks in which a penalty would be incurred for late payment.
2. The Library Director requested that the trustees present review the personnel changes.
3. The Library Director informed the Board that both the Senate and Assembly had released their one-house budget bills and both were hoping to add an additional \$5 million over the governor's executive budget. In addition they were asking an additional \$10 million for library construction aid. The Director noted that he would write letters to both Senator Flanagan and Assemblyman Fitzpatrick urging them to support libraries.
4. Short discussion about when the parking lines in the Commack Branch parking lot were completed.
5. Trustee Otis Thornhill made the recommendation not to update to Windows 10.
6. Smithtown Main building head Eileen Caulfield reported that she had been approached by a local landscaper "Finesse Landscaping" who had offered to donate their services with materials, design and installation at the Smithtown Main Library building. In addition they have also offered maintenance.

7. The Director reported that all seven weeks of the summer concerts have been booked and the concerts will be prominently publicized.


ADJOURNMENT

The informal discussion ended with no business being conducted at 7:35 p.m.

Informal discussion minutes approved this 19th day of April, 2016.



John C. Martins, President
Smithtown Library Board of Trustees



Linda Taurassi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees