

BE Library Board Meeting 10-30-18

1. Call to order at
 - a. Angie at 5:32
2. Roll call of members Brian, James, Carolyn, Gary, Angie, Heather
3. Proof of posting read
4. Public comments (none longer than 3 minutes)
 - a. Pat Mommaerts--has a friend who does library design as an architect
5. Discussion/action on possible property purchase

Questions that arose:

Is the property size/shape appropriate to our purposes?

Maybe/maybe not

How would we pay for this? Can we afford this?

Funds we have were set aside for a library building, rather than a property purchase.

Do we need to do a feasibility survey to see if this is a realistic need?

Sounds like yes--could take up to a year to complete this study.

Would the Village buy the lot?

Seems unreasonable unless there is a developer waiting to build on it.

Could we renovate the current library building for expansion? Is the Village open to expansion of the library into the building spaces?

How can we make sure we are not in competition with other spaces to be THE community center for Black Earth?

Next steps:

- Community survey--get this finalized and sent out

November 7 Meeting

- Announce consensus that we are not ready to buy the property
- Discuss possibility of renovating the existing building to expand the library, possibly relocating the Village offices.
- Inquire as to how the library and Village are connected by the Village Plan

6. Any other business that may legally be brought before the board--none
7. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Angie, Seconded by Gary at 6:18 approved