

Borough of Hanover / Library Work Group

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022

Chairman Reichart convened the meeting at 4:03 PM

In Attendance:

Chairman Bill Reichart - Absent

Councilman Chuck Hegberg

Councilman Tim Kress

Board of Governors Representative Chrissy Rosensteel

HPLA Representative Dan Frey - Absent

Library Director Shanna Hollich - Ex officio member,

YCL Director of Library Administration John Miller - Ex officio member - via Teams

Library Administrative Assistant - Faith Soto

Guests: James Keller – JR Keller LLC

David Belanger - JR Keller LLC - via Teams

Cheri Fiory – JR Keller LLC – via Teams

Quorum was met.

June Minutes: Motion to approve by Kress; Seconded by Rosensteel. Minutes approved.

Members are advised of the request for extension of Library Work Group through to September 2022.

Final data and recommendations to be presented to Library Work Group by Sept 19th for it to then go to Council on the 21st.

First draft of the consultants report to members. The key findings of the analysis are based off of demographic and library statistics, their talks with the community including neighboring municipalities, and work sessions with staff.

The floor is then opened for questions and comments.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS:

With regard to the findings- Concern that Guthrie serves as a regional library but without significant support from neighboring municipalities; primarily supported by the Borough of Hanover.

There is significant usage from outside of the service area.

The point needed is to communicate this to the neighboring municipalities.

David Belanger noted that in 2009 the money that the state gave to library stopped, we did get a significant amount. State Library code states that any person from PA can come to this library in order to receive state and county library funding.

Request made on areas of focus: library governance and engineers report on structure.

The concern is still there with neighboring municipalities that the money sent specifically for Library funding will instead go to other uses within the Borough.

The report needs to clearly list the pros and cons for the public to be able to understand.

Further discussion on various options continued. Further discussion still needed with respect to what the Work Group's recommendation will be and which option is best to move forward. Still need to find a way to increase financial support from surrounding municipalities.

End of open discussion.

Consultants asked to revise the draft for the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Rosensteel Seconded: Kress

Meeting Adjourned at 5:09 PM

Next Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2022 at 4PM at the Guthrie Memorial Library Bare Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Faith Soto