

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Planning/Outreach Committee Minutes
July 26, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Beena Deshmukh, Marian Krupicka, Vicki Suriano, Jamie Bukovac

Absent: Diane Ruscitti

Information regarding a possible annexation vote:

The vote question would need to be filed to be placed on the ballot by January 26, 2017. The referendum date is April 4.

The Board could gather feedback about a referendum and make a decision vote in December at the latest.

The vote could consist of two separate areas: Water Tower Townhomes with 74 residences and Farmingdale Village with 593 households . Annexation occurs with a simple majority. Currently 41 households in Farmingdale and 9 households in Water Tower purchase cards.

Possible tours could be set up for residents in the development prior to the referendum.

The library's newsletter has been sent to these residents for years.

If there is a referendum, only informational publicity from the library is allowed by law. Residents can pass out vote yes, vote no information.

We do have two residents who have agreed to become involved in organizing.

The mayor should be contacted for input.

The Indian Prairie Library residents would also have to vote to accept these new residents.

Some pros/cons of the vote:

There would be impact on the library's parking, the library building, and programs.

The increased revenue would help with capital projects.

Residents may feel a non-resident card is sufficient.

Being able to use the tax as a deduction may appeal to residents.

The last time these residents had a chance to vote was more than 25 years ago. They voted as an unincorporated area of Darien. Now they are in the City of Darien limits.

The building has been paid for and renovated so will not be part of their library taxes.

If the annexation vote fails, the library may see an increase in non-resident cards.

Property Tax Amount Valuation (and cost for library tax) for homes in this area are close to non-resident card fees. (see chart)

If the referendum were approved it would mean all Darien residents are served by IPPL.

Discussion of strategies for a referendum:

- Grass roots efforts

- Library informational materials

- Meeting with Darien mayor

Jamie plans to write a draft of a letter to non-resident cardholders inquiring as to their interest in annexation (attached) and Krupicka will call a few of the unserved area residents.

An information piece will be developed to send to non-residents to encourage them to use the library.

There was discussion of renewal reminders for non-resident cardholders.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm