

The Public Library of the Township of Mahwah
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting
October 24, 2016

Call to Order: Mr. Lee, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Attendance:

Public:

Present:

Mr. Alderisio
Ms. Clarkin
Mr. Koster
Mr. Lee
Mr. Spiech
Mr. Wendrychowicz
Mr. Wolf
Mr. Hadelers

Absent:

Mayor Laforet
Dr. Schoen
Mr. Grob

A special meeting was called to discuss Meet the Candidates Night scheduled on Tuesday, October 25th and Wednesday, October 26th.

Mr. Lee stated that in light of the tragic events of Saturday night, when a Mahwah teen lost his life in an automobile accident, he recommends canceling the events scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday night.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiech and seconded by Mr. Wendrychowicz to cancel both nights for Meet the Candidates night, Tuesday, October 25th and Wednesday, October 26th.

Mr. Koster reviewed the history of Meet the Candidate's Night and stated that there is no other venue that residents can learn about candidates on important issues. He proposed that all the candidates be given the questions in advance and if they cannot attend they will be read by a Library board member.

The board discussed the issue, carefully considering the concerns expressed surrounding hosting the event this year and focused on what was in the best interest of the library and community in light of the present events and circumstances.

Roll Call:

Mr. Alderisio - cancel
Ms. Clarkin - cancel
Mr. Koster - proceed
Mr. Lee - cancel
Mr. Spiech - cancel
Mr. Wendrychowicz - cancel
Mr. Wolf - proceed

Motion carried five to two.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Spiech and seconded by Mr. Koster to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Clarkin
Secretary