

PARK FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Park Forest Public Library Board of Trustees opened at 3:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present were:

Park Forest Public Library Board Members: Sevena Merchant, Linda Marron, Felicia Rangel, Beverly Helm, and Joseph Woods

Absent: Sandra Flowers and Keith Supler

Park Forest Public Library Staff: Barbara Osuch and Mary VanSwol

**LIBRARY BUDGET FY 19-20**

The Board discussed the budget and reviewed items that came up in the finance committee meeting. The Board is interested in meeting with Village Finance Director Mark Pries.

The Board discussed the fines. The Board would like a trial period of fine-free for books and then evaluate whether the system works for the Park Forest Public Library.

Trustee Marron moved to do a trial for fine-free for books going May 1-November 1.

Trustee Helm seconded.

The motion passed.

The Board discussed the salaries budget, focusing on the police salaries for security services. Library Director Osuch distributed a letter from the police department regarding their services. The Board talked about hiring a security officer. Trustee Helm suggested writing a letter to the police department. President Merchant recommended posting the position. The change would take place over the summer. The Board talked about a \$35/hour rate for security services. Trustee Marron asked whether they would be on the salary. Trustee Rangel suggested checking with the police union to see whether police officers could work here off duty.

Library Director Osuch stated that she is in favor of continuing with the Park Forest Police Department and that the value of their presence is more than just security. They are building community and good will.

The Board discussed the cost of living raise.

Trustee Helm moved to approve the budget for FY 19-20 as submitted.

Trustee Woods seconded.

The motion passed by roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 against, 2 absent, 0 abstentions

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.