



BERWYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of the Berwyn Public Library Special Committee Meeting held on January 31, 2022

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting was held via Zoom. Members of the public were also invited to attend via Zoom.

Members Present: Nora Laureto, Tammy Sheedy, Emily Diebold, Patrick Cagney, Antoine Evans

Guests: Carla Williams

The meeting was called to order by Nora Laureto at 7:01 pm. Discussion was held concerning the Berwyn Public Library changing from a local city library to a district library.

Pros and Cons were discussed with the realization that this is a large undertaking and would require time, legal guidance, consultation by an outside firm, and evaluation of library finances.

In researching some of the first steps to establish this, it was acknowledged by the committee that the first step would be to obtain approval from the City of Berwyn City Council to ascertain that they would be amenable to the library transitioning to a library district. The library is able to convert to a district without referendum if the library board and city council are amenable to jointly agree. This information is per the public library district act.

The committee agreed that prior to moving forward a letter should be sent to the Mayor and City Council asking for a vote for the Berwyn Public Library to support our effort to research becoming a library district

There was no comment made by guest, Carla Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm by motion from Patrick Cagney and second by Antoine Evans.

Nora Laureto, Committee Chairman



