

LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Jennie Berkson, Bret Crimmins, Berkley Duck, Michael Fleishman, Alan Hartwick, Laurie Lisuk

Board Members Absent: None

Public: None

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Call to Order

Berkley Duck, President, called the meeting to order in the Munnecke Room at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 8, 2024, were unanimously approved.

Construction Project Update

Mark noted the need to identify a firm to oversee the bidding process for the project. Following a discussion, the Board approved the engagement of Spence Brothers for this purpose. The cost of this service is included in the project budget.

Financial Report

Mark reviewed the report for July included in the meeting materials. There were no unusual items. It was noted that we need a written policy the financial management of the Summinars operations.

Director's Report

Mark presented the Director's Report. There were no unusual items.

Old Business

- *August millage vote results.* Mark reported that 70% voted in favor of the millage –728 votes cast, 507 in favor, 221 opposed. Of the absentee ballots, 353 voted in favor, 132 opposed, and of the in-person ballots, 154 voted in favor, 89 opposed.
- *Property transfer and seawall reconstruction.* Berkley reported that he and Mark have met with Susan Och and Clint Mitchell about the possible property transfer. Both were supportive. Berkley will present the concept at the Township Board meeting this evening and ask that the Board call a special meeting to appoint representatives to negotiate terms. A draft Term Sheet was distributed to the Board and reviewed. On motion duly made and seconded, Berkley and Mark were authorized to act for the Board of Directors in the negotiations, on the condition that any final agreement will be subject to Board approval. Berkley and Mark also have met with Chuck Ball who is very interested in the seawall project and in establishing a process for determining how well the township's design meets community needs. Berkley will follow up on this.

New Business

- *Firearms Policy.* On the advice of our insurance agent, on motion duly made and seconded, the policy language included with the meeting materials, which prohibits employees from carrying firearms onto the Library's premises, was approved. Mark noted that, under a Michigan Supreme Court ruling, the Library may not bar the public from carrying firearms onto the premises.
- *PA 164 notice to Township.* On motion duly made and seconded, the letter to the Township Supervisor regarding the Library's anticipated financial needs for the 2025 fiscal year was approved.

Public Comment – None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson
Secretary