

LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 4, 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 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held 1/08/24 were unanimously approved.

Construction Project

The Board reviewed the latest estimate from Spence Brothers of the cost of the construction project. Following an extended discussion, there was a consensus that the revised estimate of \$4.673 million placed the cost of the project beyond our fundraising capacity, and that the essential needs of the Library could be met if the project was scaled back to one of the less extensive designs. As a result, it was agreed that we should ask HopkinsBurns to determine whether our priority needs could be met if the costs were limited to approximately \$2 million. If so, we would then contact current donors and seek their agreement to fund the revised plan.

Capital Campaign Report

The report included with the meeting materials was reviewed.

Financial Report

Mark reviewed the financial reports for January and February included with the meeting materials, explaining the reasons for certain of the line-item entries.

Director's Report

The Director's Reports for January and February included with the meeting materials were reviewed with no unusual items.

Budget for FY 2025

There was no public comment on the FY 2025 budget at the public hearing that preceded this meeting. On motion duly made and seconded, that budget was approved.

Operating Millage

It was agreed that we will seek a renewal of our current assessment of .4 mills for a period of 8 years, and there was a discussion of pre-election date tactics. It was noted that the election of members of the Library Board of Directors would also be on the August ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson
Secretary