

LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2025

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

Board Members Absent: None

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Call to Order

Berkley Duck, President, called the meeting to order in the Blue Stone Room at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Board meeting held April 7, 2025, were approved.

Library Construction Project

Mark reported that the work was progressing on schedule.

Financial Report

Mark reviewed the report included in the meeting materials. He noted that state aid may be impacted by the cutbacks in federal government spending, and that the balance sheet will be revised to reflect our ownership of the Library land and building.

Director's Report

Mark said that Library activity was slow and reviewed his written report included in the meeting materials. Berkley said that our discussions with the Coyles regarding the trees on and near our shared property line had come to an end with no agreements reached.

Seawall Project

Berkley outlined the steps needed to arrive at a firm cost for the project - developing construction drawings, soliciting bids, vetting bidders, and contracting for construction services. He noted that James Tiffany was working on the construction drawings in accordance with the terms of his December 6, 2024, proposal, and commented on his conversations with Tiffany regarding his possible further services. We are following up with Spence Brothers to confirm the scope and cost of its services. A discussion followed. We intend to have a recommendation for the Board at our next meeting.

LHS Lease

Berkley reported that he and Mark met with LHS on April 17, 2025. The discussion was productive and there appear to be no roadblocks to the development of a new lease governing LHS' occupancy of the ground under its building. We are awaiting a response from LHS to questions generated at the meeting.

Michigan Library Association Advocacy Day

Mark reported on the discussions at the event. He noted that 40% of State funding for library services comes from the federal government. There was a discussion of our options for participation in resource sharing among participating libraries.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on June 9, 2025, in the Munnecke Room.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson, Secretary