

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
May 24, 2021**

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

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Friends Present: Betty Bushey

Public Present: None

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

Expansion Project

The meeting was held to discuss the expansion project. Estimate now \$2.5 million, an increase of almost \$1million over the previous estimate. We need to consider where we are in light of that revision and the May 31, 2021 deadline for a grant application to a potential major funding source.

There was an extended discussion about whether such a campaign could be successful -

- Total contributions to the 2008 renovation were approximately \$200K.
- Cumulative contributions to the Library and Friends since 2015 also totaled approximately \$200,000.
- The donor pyramid in the recent capital campaign for the purchase of the Old Art Building and for the construction of the Glen Lake Library were reviewed. The total funds raised the equaled \$1,983,000 for the OAB and \$1,270,000 for Glen Lake.
- We have been unable to identify a potential campaign chair or how we could populate a donor pyramid.
- Some concern about the strength of our case statement.
- Do we really need the proposed improvements in order to achieve our strategic plan objectives?

The decision was made unanimously to put further design work on hold. In the meantime:

- Berkley will talk with the chairperson of the potential funding source.
- Mark will talk with the architects about the factors considered in the development of the cost estimate and the reasons for the significant increase.
- The Board will reexamine the strategic plan and the needs assessment that fueled the expansion plan, with a view toward the extent to which we could meet our needs within the current structure and address deferred maintenance issues. Our meeting on 6/14 will focus on a review of the strategic plan and the needs assessment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Berkson
Secretary