

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
January 11, 2023**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Public Present: Gene Hopkins and Tamara Burns, Hopkins Burns Design Studio; Chris Touhey, Spence Brothers (via Zoom); Seth Penchansky, Daniels and Zermack, Architects (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Mark Morton

President Berkley Duck called meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine a process for arriving at a reliable estimate of the cost of the proposed Library expansion project.

There was some discussion of any benefit to be obtained from the Inflation Reduction Act and energy efficient construction. It was concluded that, given the size of the project, any significant financial benefit was unlikely. Nonetheless, there was consensus that the structure should be as energy efficient as possible.

The Board's decision to proceed with plan contained in Option 1 of the drawings was confirmed.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the timeline for the project should be to begin fundraising as soon as cost estimates were available, with a quiet campaign in February through April of 2023, completion of funding by late 2023, and commencement of construction immediately thereafter. The vote on renewal of the operating millage will be held in August 2024. Chris Touhey will have a construction cost estimate available in 3 to 4 weeks.

There was some discussion of the options for relocating the Library's operations during construction, but no decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson
Secretary