

LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 12, 2021

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

Board Members Absent: Bret Crimmins

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Friends Present: None

Public Present: None

Berkley Duck, President, called the meeting to order in the Munnecke Room at 9:02 a.m.

#### Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held June 14, 2021, were approved.

#### Financial report

Mark commented on the financial report provided in the meeting materials.

- The Mid-Michigan Library League gets one-half of our state funding. We will be billed for amount by MML after the second installment of funding is received.
- In response to a question, Mark explained that COVID funding is available only for the acquisition of technology used outside the library building.
- Mark is checking with the Township to confirm that the tax capture amount reported to us is correct.

#### Director's report

Mark commented on the Director's report provided in the meeting materials.

- Our Program Director, Chelsea Hilton, is working Monday, Friday and Saturday. Her Saturday time allows Mark to have that day off.
- There were more people through the door in June 2021 than in June 2019.
- Many people are looking for private space in which to participate in electronic meetings, which is a need identified in our planning for the building renovation.

#### Old Business

- There was a discussion of the renovation plan and our options if the project was limited to the existing building footprint. Both Jennie and Alan suggested alternatives for the use of the space. Berkley's view is that it's premature to pursue alternative planning until we get more information from the architects regarding the cost estimate for the expansion plan. Mark said that the architects are waiting on us for data on our shelf space needs – the mix and size of our collections, which the staff is assembling.

#### New Business

- Mark said that both Jake and Chelsea are taking (or would take) college-level courses and inquired as to the Board's interest in providing financial support for this purpose. There

were several comments and questions raised, and Mark will make some further inquiries as to the practices followed by other libraries.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson  
Secretary