

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 7, 2025**

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

**Board Member Absent:** Bret Crimmins

**Public:** 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 motions duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Board meetings held February 10 and February 25, 2025, and of the public budget hearing held February 25, 2025, were each approved.

**Library Construction Project**

Mark reported that the work was progressing on schedule, and we intend to reopen the facility on the day following Memorial Day.

**Financial Report**

Mark reviewed the report included in the meeting materials, noting a few needed adjustments and answering questions.

**Director's Report**

Mark said that the construction project was taking up much of his time. He reviewed the Construction Update and the Director's Report included in the meeting materials. There was a discussion of possible volunteer recognition events.

**Tree Conditions**

Mark reviewed the letter dated March 11, 2025, from Bo Burke, a professional arborist, regarding the condition of the trees on and near our west property line. Based on that report, it was agreed that we should remove the limbs overhanging the Library roof, but no further action was necessary at this time. There was a discussion of the Coyle's latest email regarding the perceived risk to their boathouse, which was not a concern of our arborist. Berkley will respond.

### **Seawall Project**

Berkley reviewed a draft of our response to an email received on Friday from the Edmund G. and Virginia B. Ball Foundation related to our grant request, in which EVBF is seeking further information on the status of the project. There was a discussion of the status of the fundraising campaign.

### **Election of Officers**

This is the meeting at which officers are elected for the new fiscal year. On motion duly made and seconded, a unanimous ballot was cast for the re-election of the current officers, as follows:

President -	Berkley Duck
Vice President -	Alan Hartwick
Secretary -	Jennie Berkson
Treasurer -	Brett Crimmins

### **Defunding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

Mark reviewed the impact of the President's executive order reducing the functions of IMLS to a minimum level, as described in the outline included in the meeting materials. It was agreed that, if and how recommended by the Michigan Library Association, we should go on record as objecting to this action.

### **LHS Lease**

Berkley reported that he and Mark will be meeting with LHS on April 17, 2025, to discuss its interest in redrafting the current ground lease agreement under which it owns and occupies the museum building. The Library is now the landlord under that lease as a result of its acquisition of the Munnecke Deed property from Leland Township. There was a brief discussion of our objectives if there is to be a new agreement.

### **FY 2025 Budget Amendment**

Mark described needed revisions to the FY 2025 budget as a result of recent events. On motion duly made and seconded, the proposed revisions as described in the meeting materials were approved.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on May 5, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson, Secretary