

LA PORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES April 18, 2019

ATTENDEES

Scott Siefker - President
Dava Buell – Vice-President
Karen Ellison - Secretary
Dave Decker
Gregg Fuhlenbrock
Marie Gilliland

ABSENT

Sean Quinn
Cindy Lane- Treasurer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Fonda Owens – Director
Mark Phillips - Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Siefker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM

President Siefker called for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Siefker called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Workshop Meeting
Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting
Department Reports
Financial Report
Approval and Payment of Claims ---per APV Batch April 18, 2019

Dava Buell moved and Dave Decker seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Director Owens reported that HB1343 is in conference committee with members disagreeing on which bill language will be used. The current session is anticipated to end April 26, 2019.

Ms. Owens reported that with the weather improving work on the Main Library building membrane roof and the asbestos removal from the Telephone Building are scheduled to begin the week of April 22. Work on the outdoor educational areas will begin soon as well. The bio-swale pavers from Main will be reused at the Fish Lake Branch.

Ms. Owens is continuing to work with the Union Mills Conservation Club regarding them acquiring the Old Union Mills Library property. More research on definition of adjacent property is needed before sale of property can be discussed.

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Director Owens also reported that the library is co-sponsoring along with Purdue University Northwest, La Porte Skill-Up and Unity Foundation, for the first ever county-wide teacher training conference. The library will be showcasing technology that will be used on the Mobile Classroom.

Amendment to Agenda

President Scott Siefker called for a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda, adding 6d under New Business, Hiring of Summer Interns. Marie Gilliland moved and Dava Buell seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Legal Counsel

Mark Phillips presented his report of legal counsel for the month to the board. Personnel issues and contract/warranty issues with the roof at main, was the main focus of the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year as follows:

President: Scott Siefker
Vice-President: Sean Quinn
Secretary: Karen Ellison

Dave Decker moved and Marie Gilliland seconded to close the slate of officers as stated. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Marie Gilliland moved and Dava Buell seconded to approve the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year as stated. Gregg Fuhlenbrock questioned how the officers were selected. Scott Siefker explained that he has asked, at board meetings, for any board member to let him know if they were interested in an officer position. Dave Decker called for a vote. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Old Union Mills Property

Details were covered in the Director's Report.

Architect Proposal 807 Indiana Ave

Director Owens presented updated costs for the 807 Indiana Ave renovation project from MKM architecture + design. MKM design fees would remain the same at \$114,000. The board will consider architecture fees if the additional appropriation is approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Additional Appropriation Process

Director Owens explained the process and timeline of requesting and gaining approval of an additional appropriation. A new Responsible Bidder Resolution will need to be adopted by the board. After a discussion about payment wording, an updated responsible bidder resolution will be worked on by Ms. Owens and legal counsel and presented at the May board meeting for a vote.

Loan Rules for Mobile Hotspots

President Siefker called for a motion to approve the Hotspot Loan Rules as recommended by management. Dave Decker moved and Karen Ellison seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

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Possible Property Purchased

President Siefker called for a motion to authorize Director Owens to obtain a realtor in regard to possible property purchases for the Library. Dave Decker moved and Karen Ellison seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Hiring of Summer Interns

President Siefker called for a motion to hire summer interns up to an aggregate total of 80 hours per week. Karen Ellison moved and Marie Gilliland seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Siefker called for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

President Siefker called for questions or comments from the Board. Dave Decker asked about a historical series in collaboration with the Historical Society. He also commented on the success of the programs for young children.

ADJOURNMENT

President Siefker adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.