

Lake Bluff Public Library  
123 E Scranton Avenue  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Minutes of Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Thursday April 16, 2015

Lake Bluff Public Library Spruth Room

1. Call to order: the meeting was called to order at 2:37 and a quorum was established
2. Attending: Trustees: Carl Schons, Chairman, Cal Stroh, Kathy Meierhoff joined at 2:45.  
Staff Members, Eric Bailey, Director, Martha O'Hara
3. The minutes from the last B&G meeting 3/3/2015 were approved by motion of Cal Stroh, seconded by Carl Schons, all ayes. Meierhoff absent.
- 4 Discussion of the building plans: Kathy Meierhoff shared details of a conversation with Kathy O'Hara, Village President regarding a possible referendum for the benefit of the library building plans. Due to uncertainty regarding state financial concerns (particularly regarding sales tax) and costly upcoming Village infrastructure expenditures, the Village is unable to support a referendum. It is unknown when that position will change. Kathy O'Hara showed support for the efforts to improve and expand the library and urged the trustees to consider fund raising and staging of building phases.

It was agreed that expansion of the library should be a recommendation to the trustees to include in Long Term Planning and to make efforts to be included in the Village upcoming Long Term Planning, which begins October 2015. Fundraising and grant opportunities should be investigated. Trustees should consider increasing the allowable levy to increase reserves at an accelerated rate with those revenues earmarked for building expansion as a possible offset of increased labor and material costs. Eric Bailey will discuss feasibility and cost advantages of staging with Joe Huberty.

- 5 Other business:
  - The planters on the library property have been planted by the Garden Club.
  - The benches and stonework on the west side of the Library reflect memorials/donations in the past. Eric will research the history of these fixtures.
- 6 Adjournment: Stroh moved to adjourn at 3:47 and Schons seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Meierhoff

