

**Elk Rapids District Library  
Building Committee  
May 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm.**

**Notes**

1. Chair Dick Hults called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Present: Dick Hults, Liz Atkinson, Chuck Schuler, and Director Nannette Miller. Eight members of the public were also in attendance.
2. Title search report. Hults read a partial opinion from the Library attorney, Scott Hogan. More information surfaced recently and Mr. Hogan will present his full legal opinion at the board meeting on May 13 at 5:00 pm at the Government Center.
3. Draft lease. Discussion of the lease is deferred until after we have a complete legal opinion from our attorney.
4. Options. Atkinson suggested that since we are going back and doing due diligence now, we should also look at other options for a bigger library. Again, all agreed that discussion will come after we have the complete picture.
5. Public comment. Dianne Richter said citizens asked for a cost benefit analysis and consideration of other options back when talk of an expansion project first began.

Trish Perlman asked about easements referenced in the title report, and the meaning of the affidavit by Katherine Dexter McCormick recorded in 1961. The committee recommends a staked survey be conducted to determine the exact boundaries of the legal description and the location of the easements. Responsibility for conducting said survey to be determined.

Inez Gotts asked for the proposed expansion to be staked out on the property to see where exactly it would be. Hults replied that what we have now are conceptual plans, not actual construction documents, so that isn't possible.

Terri Kuffner thanked the committee for doing due diligence. She asked about the extent of the changes to the original building and whether it would be completely gutted. While we don't have final plans, Miller said the plan has always been to keep some historical features of the house, and restore some features that have been removed in previous renovations.

M/S Schuler/Atkinson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by Nannette Miller