

# Elk Rapids District Library Board

## Committee of the Whole meeting, May 18, 2015

*The purpose of the meeting was to prioritize our top goals as a board from the list assembled by Hartzell-Mika Consulting.*

Following discussion of the library property history and possible deed restrictions, we all agreed that we support addressing space and expansion of the current library as our #1 priority.

Following further discussion, we agreed on the following three top priorities for this year:

**1 – Building/Facility** – Explore options for addressing space needs of the library at its current location.

- Planning Committee to pursue permission to explore expansion with Village Council.
- See other Strategies on page 34 of Hartzell-Mika Plan

**2 – Funding** – Assure adequate funding for current and long-range needs.

- With legal help (Foster-Swift), determine if we can assess millage or other revenue agreement with Torch Lake Township portion of school district.
- Develop “Ways of Giving” campaign, including estate gifts.
- With Friends of Library established as 501© 3 non-profit, pursue grants for expansion design and implementation.
- Retired lawyer Dan Ernst might file non-profit paperwork

**3 – Friends of the Library** – Strengthen the Friends of the Library organization.

- Find candidates for leadership positions
- Suggested nominees included Marilyn Cobb, Jan Tegel, Sarah Miller for contact, recruitment.