

**Elk Rapids District Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
January 16, 2024, 10:00am  
Traverse Bay Manufacturing Building, 8980 Cairn Hwy, Elk Rapids, MI**

Approved 2/8/24

1. Call to order: by President Tom Stephenson at 10:06am

Members present: Liz Atkinson, Dick Hults, Julia Pollister Amos, Emily Petrovich, Tom Stephenson, Mike Weber, and Nancy Wonch

Members absent: Dan McAuliffe excused.

Also present, Director Pam Williams, AD/ IT Aaron Hill, Ann Dilcher and Chris Mueller from Quinn Evans Architects.

There were approximately 25 people in the audience.

2. Approval of the agenda  
**MOTION:** by Pollister Amos/Wonch to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

3. Public comment: none

Director Williams gave a short history of the Elk Rapids District Library.

4. Presentation by Quin Evans of plans for a potential new library at this location. They showed examples of their work in other libraries and plans for the interior of the building as well as the site plan on easel board exhibits. Handouts showing the plans, timeline and cost estimates were provided.

5. Q & A

Cards were provided for people to write down questions that were answered by either Quinn Evans or the board. Camille Campbell picked up the cards and read the questions. These were:

Is the size of the building appropriate? ( For a Class 2 Library – Yes)

Will there be food available? ( We'll have to see what works)

Is government funding available? What about energy efficient funding? ( There have been some grants that would have worked but we were not far enough along in our planning to apply. We hope there will be more.)

6. Public Comment:

Char Gretel shared that reaching out to others is important so that more people can see the possibilities. She thanked the board for their hard work and transparency during the process.

Lynn Elmore asked if the northern entrance could be protected and asked if there would be a bike rack. She likes the huddle room idea.

Beth Guntzviller said she was excited with the idea of riding her bike to the library and wanted to make sure that security cameras were planned.

Bill Donberg asked about the availability of food for kids coming after school. Are vending machines an option? Is food/beverage allowed in the library? (In certain areas yes.)

Lauren Dake said she is very excited about the plans for the children's areas. She is a weekly user of the library and a biker.

7. Board Comments:

Board members comments focused on being excited about the plans, thanking Quinn Evans for their outstanding work and thanking people for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:08pm.

Respectfully,

Julia Pollister Amos, Secretary Elk Rapids District Library Board of Trustees

LibBdMin1.16.24specialapproved