

**Elk Rapids District Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
January 15, 2024, 6:00 pm
Elk Rapids Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids MI 49629**

Approved 2/8/24

1. Call to order: by President Tom Stephenson at 6:01pm

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

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

Approximately 70 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 Quinn Evans on plans for potential new library at 8980 Cairn Highway, Elk Rapids, MI. They showed examples of their work in other libraries and plans for the interior of the building as well as the site plan via a power point as well as easel boards exhibits. Handouts were provided showing the plans, timeline, and cost estimates. Their presentation ended about 6:50.

5. Public Comment:

Laura Asalia asked about the cost of technology and liked reusing the building and having a connection to nature.

Norm Veliquette was excited about the potential conversion of the building and since there was a kitchen in the current building he asked if one was planned for the renovation. He also asked about energy conservation features and expects that the planned north entrance would be subject to snow blasts in the winter.

Cindy Roberg asked that there be a space large enough for the book club to meet.

Bernie Johnson asked if the cost list provided includes the cost of the building . (it does not) He also stated that during the survey conducted by the library board that no question had been asked about moving the library out of the Village. (It is still within the Elk Rapids Village limits)

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? (Yes in certain areas)

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.

6. 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

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