Plains Public Library Boad of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
6:00pm, July 22 , 2025 @ Plains Public Library

Present: Myra Lindborg (Chair), Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair), Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative), Sophie Fisher.

Excused Absence: Nate Stropko

Also present: Nikki Ericksen (Director), Nancy Beech

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes for July were reviewed. Greg moved to approve the minutes as presented. Brandon Abstained. Motion passed.

Claims: Claims were reviewed

Financial Reports: Reviewed

Plans for the Pond Water Feature: Myra started the conversation by expressing concern for child safety related to the pond. Nikki said that the board had asked her to answer the question of liability and insurance and her answer was: According to Kathy at the city, the city's insurance would likely deny any claims since there was no authorization by the city to put the pond in in the first place. That would leave the library and/or the library foundation vulnerable for law suit. Nikki said that she had researched extensively for supplemental insurance policies but the only company she found that would consider it only if the library insured the entire property and placed signs and fencing around the pond.

Sophie expressed that she had real concerns for child safety. Greg agreed that there is a real safety concern. Myra said that far more than the risk of liability, she was concerned for the safety of children who only need a few inches of water to drown. Brandon said that though he was sad and that both he and his wife think the landscaping is beautiful, he recognized that it presents a large liability to the library. He thanked Nancy for the work she had done to bring the proposal before the board.

Brandon moved to table the landscaping project pending a revised proposal from Nancy that would include removal of all rock and water features and placement of sod. Sophie seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Nancy said she would have a new proposal in the next couple of weeks. She would bring it in to Nikki to share with the board for feedback. Nikki asked the board to keep September 9th open for a special meeting to give Nancy approval as soon as possible as the new plan would have Nancy doing more work this fall and contending with the end of when she can buy sod and cold weather.

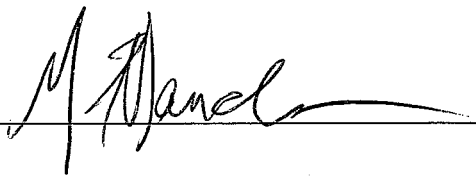
Nancy let the board know that she would require 50% of the total bid up front before she would begin.

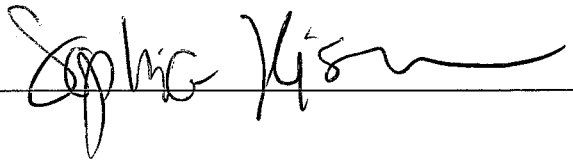
Director's Report: Nikki informed the board that she had hired a new employee. Kris Lockhart's first day will be the 2nd of September. She also told the board that she is receiving bids for projects including modifying the children's area shelving, installing the automatic door opener, and doing a general repair

building inspection. She is also looking for someone to restripe the parking lot. The board asked Nikki to obtain at least 3 bids per project.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for September 23 at 6:00pm at the library.

Myra Lindborg (Chair) _____

Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair) 

Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative) _____

Sophie Fisher