

**BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
**BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President James Muzzin called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Caitlyn Perry Dial, Jordan Genso, Daniel Huth, Arla McPeek, James Muzzin  
Absent: Kathryn Poppy Wagner, Patrick McDonald  
Staff: Director Cindy Mack, Diana Dart  
Public: One member of the public (unidentified)

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Cindy Mack announced that Michigan Landscape Professionals has started work on Phase II of the Library grounds renovation. The crew is making good progress despite the rainy, cold weather. The Director met with the Program Pavilion subcontractor to discuss final plans and excavation for the foundation has begun. Following the disappointing assessment that the Reading House structure could not be saved, its demolition has generated many questions in the Youth Services area and has been distressing to some of our youngest patrons.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Vice President Jordan Genso reviewed the major expenses for the Board (Michigan Landscape Professionals and the shared Library services) and proposed the following:

**RESOLUTION 23-0022:** Moved by Jordan Genso and seconded by Arla McPeek to approve the payment of bills based on the claims docket dated May 2, 2023 in the amount of \$94,633.27. Motion carried.

A brief discussion about the Family Picture Day program held at the Library on April 16<sup>th</sup> followed the vote. Caitlyn Perry Dial welcomed the opportunity to have a professional photography session free of charge. Jordan Genso praised the idea and encouraged the Library to consider hosting this every year.

**BUILDING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Jordan Genso reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting tonight to determine what will follow in place of the beloved Reading House in Millie's Garden. Various options were examined in detail resulting in the Committee's conclusion that rebuilding a new and improved Reading House is the best option. Cindy Mack concurred, stating that the Library had a very successful fundraiser for improvements to the garden and pavilion area and has a healthy fund balance that can absorb the cost. Adding that the Reading House is "loved by the entire community, especially the children and families who visit the Library." Caitlyn Perry Dial requested that the entrance to the new House accommodate pediatric wheelchairs. The Board concurred; the Director will communicate this to the sub-contractor. Benches for the garden and seating for the Program Pavilion were also on the Committee meeting's agenda.

**RESOLUTION 23-0023:** Moved by Jordan Genso and seconded by Caitlyn Perry Dial to authorize \$40,000.00 to Michigan Landscape Professionals to construct a new Reading House with the goal of making it accessible to all children. Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Jordan Genso supplied the Board with copies of the Michigan House of Representatives Resolution No. 81 "to declare April 25, 2023, as Librarian and Library Worker Day in the state of Michigan." The Resolution recently passed the House with a partisan vote. He asked the Board to consider a response. Director Mack confirmed that the Library's Representative did not vote for Resolution No. 81. She did, however, send a "Special Tribute" certificate to the Library from the State of Michigan in recognition of National Library Week, and has been a supporter of the Brighton District Library in the past. Cindy Mack recommended that the Library look internally to "be

certain that we are providing services to everyone in the community consistent with our Mission, Vision and Values statements.” The Board enthusiastically agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Caitlyn Perry Dial and seconded by Arla McPeek to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Dart, Recording Secretary  
Brighton District Library

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2023