

**ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 20, 2021**

**OPEN**

Kathleen Policano opened the public meeting at 7:00 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, and Mayor Colletti.

**Absent:** Daniela Buscio and Anthony Iachetti.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to approve the July 19, 2021 minutes

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Stacy Mola

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, and Mayor Colletti.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Trial Balance and Bill's List**

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to approve the Trial Balances and Bills List for July and August 2021.

First: Christine Grezlak

Second: Geraldine Mola

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, and Mayor Colletti.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to accept the Director's Reports, Reference Reports, Programs Report, and Circulation Reports from July and August 2021.

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Christine Grezlak

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, and Mayor Colletti.

**BUILDING UPDATE**

Kathleen Policano reported that as of that day the fire inspector had been there and the building inspector is supposed to come on Thursday. The landscaper had been there all week and a new sprinkler system was installed, that Kathy will check on. The landscaper will also be putting down a weed killer on the parking lot island. The trustees had a brief discussion regarding the status and progress of the landscaping. Stacy Mola asked about the guard rail leaning against the back of the library building, this was previously installed by the side door. Kathleen Policano gave an update that Greg Witkowski had painted the door frames and elevator door.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Kathleen Policano reported the library is still searching for a Director. A candidate that had been under consideration and was to be discussed at this meeting had taken another job.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

Kevin Neary provided the trustees with an update on the shelving status at the library. New shelving is due to arrive in mid-October for the Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction sections.

Mayor Colletti asked after the Grant Writers for the library. Kevin informed the trustees that the Grant Writers had not sent him any new information.

Geraldine Mola asked after the local history collection currently being stored at the Borough. Kevin mentioned that he had previously reached out to the Borough Administrator by email, and that the DPW had added that item to their list.

The trustees had a discussion regarding the maintenance of the grounds.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeffery Freitag (35 Hillman Drive) inquired after the library's opening date. Kathleen Policano mentioned that after inspections are completed, there is still more involved to move the library's computer equipment back to the building. The rest of the items need to be put on the shelves and everything at the Hut will need to be brought back to the library. Jeffery Freitag asked if any of the delays were architectural. Kathleen informed him that a letter that was needed from the architect had been delayed due to a delay in getting a signature. There was a discussion regarding the delays the library project had faced thus far. Jeannie Freitag asked after the replacement of the library's sub pump.

Kathleen Policano adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.