

MINUTES

PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

20 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Communications and Development Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees held in held via videoconference – June 08, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

President Rapisand explained that the Library Board was meeting via videoconference and stated that she authorized the Board to meet remotely as per Illinois Public Act 101-0640 which, among other matters, amends Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act to allow meetings of members of a public body subject to the Act to occur without a quorum being physically present at the meeting due to COVID-19.

President Rapisand announced that any public comments or requests to speak may be sent to librarydirector@prpl.org or participants could raise their hand virtually.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Lauren Rapisand, President; Alexandra Hanba, Josh Kiem, Michael Reardon, Joseph Steinfels, Deepika Thiagarajan

Absent: Vice-President Burkum; Treasurer Dobrilovic, Secretary Somheil

Others Present: Joanna Bertucci, Library Director; Angela Berger, Interim Library Director, Alyson Doubek, Finance Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rapisand called the Communications and Development Committee meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

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Trustee Reardon made a

MOTION: to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020

Trustee Kiem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Yes: Hanba, Kiem, Rapisand, Reardon

Abstain: Steinfels, Tiagarajan

Motion passed.

LIBRARY AWARD

President Rapisand asked Interim Director Berger to review the nomination that she submitted for the Sitkiewicz family.

In 2017, the Sitkiewicz Family reached out to the Library with the goal of creating an ongoing initiative to honor their mother, Marion Sitkiewicz. The Sitkiewicz family worked with Library staff to develop and fund a number of initiatives under the name Marion's Mark. Marion's Mark has generously sponsored the fireplace in the Quiet Reading Room at the Library. They have also sponsored the popular Read to the Dogs program for children and art classes for adults.

In addition, Marion's Mark plans to provide Little Free Libraries throughout the community, to further promote their mother's love of life-long learning, reading and libraries. Installation of the Little Free Libraries was delayed by COVID but will hopefully move forward soon. Prior to COVID, residential locations were selected for the placement of six libraries in Park Ridge. Future placement of additional Little Free Libraries in community parks is also a goal of the program.

It is an ideal time to once again recognize the Sitkiewicz family for their support of the Library and the Park Ridge community.

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MOTION: To award the 2021 Park Ridge Public Library Annual Award to the Sitkiewicz Family

Trustee Steinfels seconded the motion.

Trustee Kiem stated that he will recuse himself from this vote in light of his long-term personal relationship with the Sitkiewicz family

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hanba, Rapisand, Reardon, Steinfels, Thiagarajan

Abstain: Kiem

Motion passed

In anticipation of returning to an in-person meeting format in July, the award presentation is planned for the July Board meeting on July 20, 2021.

President Rapisand closed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.