

MINUTES

PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

20 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Building and Grounds Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees

held via videoconference – September 8, 2020 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.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Lauren Rapisand, President; Karen Burkum, Vice-President; David Somheil, Secretary; (via videoconference) Stevan Dobrilovic, Treasurer; Alexandria Hanba; Josh Kiem; Joseph Steinfels; Deepika Thiagarajan

Trustees Absent: Michael Reardon

Others Present: Heidi Smith, Library Director; Alyson Doubek, Library Finance Manager. (Note: Alderman Melidosian was not available as he attended the Special City Council Meeting.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

President Rapisand called the Planning and Operations Committee meeting to order at 8:58 p.m.

President Rapisand made a

MOTION: to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020

Secretary Somheil seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Burkum, Dobrilovic, Kiem, Rapisand, Somheil, Steinfels, Thiagarajan

Abstain: Hanba

Absent: Reardon

Motion passed.

Approve sprinkler project contract

Director Smith presented the sprinkler project contract for the Board's approval. She had shared the contract with the Library's attorney, as well as Committee Chair Reardon and Treasurer Dobrilovic. Dobrilovic had voiced concern that penalties should be included to avoid similar delays as in the 2018 renovation. The attorney reviewed his concern, but he did not add them to the contract. The attorney outlined other remedies and attorney fees if needed to balance the contract more in the Library's favor. Director Smith stated that the Library attorney advised against a penalty clause, explaining that language would have had to have been included in the bid documents and cannot be added at this time. He also stated that if the Board wanted to consider penalties in future contracts, that they could dissuade bidders. Director Smith said the addition of a penalties clause could be discussed for future projects. Treasurer Dobrilovic commented that it is a legitimate point that if you are going to have penalties in a construction project, the contract should be available for review at the time of bidding; we did not do that, perhaps that is a lesson learned.

President Rapisand made a

MOTION: to approve the sprinkler project contract with Efraim Carlson and Son, Inc.

Treasurer Dobrilovic seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Burkum, Dobrilovic, Hanba, Kiem, Rapisand, Somheil, Steinfels, Thiagarajan

Absent: Reardon

Motion passed.

Treasurer Dobrilovic requested that this item not be on consent agenda as Committee Chair Reardon was not in attendance, and wanted to provide him with the opportunity to comment.

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.