

ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY (ERDL) REPORT

March 8, 2021

- **ERDL Operating Agreement** –Topic Closed due to no response from the Village of Elk Rapids.
- **ERDL Lease Agreement** – Milton Township was not allowed to join a meeting by the Elk Rapids Village President held on February 10, 2021 to discuss the lease agreement. Elk Rapids Township and Village reps were in attendance. The Village of Elk Rapids has complied with our requests by providing a draft agreement to the ERDL Building Committee on 2/25/21. The Building Committee will be meeting within the next 2-3 weeks to discuss and make recommendations to the Board on what actions and when we will be ready to forward this document to Foster Swift for review. All Building Committee meetings will be posted and open to the public. Still Pending; it's vital to clarify the library's lease with the Village, any deed restrictions, and how they interact with an ordinance passed by the Village in 2019.
- **Financial Support - ERDL Millage by Municipalities for 2020 per verified tax rolls.**
 - Milton Township \$ 183,542.27
 - Elk Rapids Township \$ 76,857.62
 - Village of Elk Rapids \$ 68,392.69
- **ERDL Officer Appointments** – February 2021 we elected Officers as follows:
 - President – Tom Stephenson, Village of Elk Rapids appointee
 - Vice President – Chuck Schuler, Village of Elk Rapids appointee
 - Secretary – Julia Pollister-Amos, Elk Rapids Township appointee
 - Treasurer – Diane Geddes, Milton Township appointee
- **Audit of Capital Campaign** – Still Pending.
- **Capital Campaign shift to The Friends** – Still Pending.
- **Equal Representation** - Equal representation on each committee should be a priority, as stated by incoming ERDL Board President at the February 2021 meeting. Corrective measures are expected.
- **Recognizing the Partnership** – Establishing the correct mindset will be a priority for the ERDL board to recognize each municipality as an equal partner with efforts of establishing a positive relationship going forward. Each municipality represents their constituents through their appointees, and no single municipality reigns supreme.
- **ERDL Board Responsibility** – As library board members it will be my focus to enforce the message that we have a responsibility to make the best decisions for the library and community, and to perform due diligence to carefully consider all aspects of financial impact, short and long term affects, and future trends and needs of the District Library.