

ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY (ERDL) REPORT

MAY 14, 2021

- **ERDL Lease Agreement** – The Building Committee met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 to discuss the draft lease agreement. The Building Committee's commitment to performing due diligence prompted a title search. A title search is a prerequisite to any real estate transaction to confirm ownership, and turn up any issues that may exist. A preliminary title report revealed on May 9, 1960 an undivided one-half (1/2) interest of the Island Property was deeded to Elk Rapids Township, subject to all restrictions of record, and pursuant to authority granted by virtue of the results of an election held in the Village of Elk Rapids on March 14, 1960. Due to the complexity and legality of this recent finding Elk Rapids Township and the Village of Elk Rapids need to clarify this issue through their respective legal counsel and board members.
- **Policy & Procedure** – In light of the above issue, the following message will be repeated often. The ERDL board has a responsibility to make the best decisions for the library and participating communities. Each board member is tasked to perform due diligence to carefully consider all aspects of financial impact, short and long term affects, with future trends and needs of the District Library and its patrons.
- **Options** – ERDL board member Atkinson introduced the topic of a full review of options for the expansion. A comparison of a new construction vs. expanding the Island property has never been considered. A full review of options should have been done when the expansion was first introduced. There are many concerns with expanding the Island Property, and may or may not be the best way forward. An open minded approach is required in order to obtain the best possible outcome from a design, financial and practical standpoint. As always, open and honest communication always serves a community well.
- **Audit of Capital Campaign** - Pending
- **Capital Campaign shift to The Friends** – A presentation by Karen Simpson is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 5:00 pm. This presentation will provide the ERDL board with information to discuss at the June 10, 2021 meeting. This presentation is expected to explain the rationale behind the request. I am committed to the mindset that the ERDL board should provide over-sight to any/all committees that conduct library business, but will weigh the facts as presented next Wednesday.