

# DISTRICT LIBRARY (ERDL) REPORT

## Milton Township

July 12, 2021

- **ERDL Lease Agreement** – No change in status.  
All negotiations are on hold due to the title search initiated by the ERDL Building Committee that revealed in May 1960 an undivided one-half interest of the Island Property was deeded to Elk Rapids Township. To date, Elk Rapids Township will be conducting a forensic type survey to identify the original 4.82 acres deeded to the Village with all available evidence, both physical (on the ground) and written deeds and maps concerning the issue.
- **Building Committee** – At the June 10, 2021 Library Board meeting, the building committee was tasked with identifying the issues of expanding the island house vs. another location. The Library Board President noted the importance of having a Plan B, and the critical role a Plan B plays; as ideas, outcomes, market conditions and even people change. Having a Plan B is a sign of having a realistic approach to any initial expansion discussion and imperative to the decision process leading to the best end result. The Building Committee held a meeting on June 15, 2021. A unanimous vote to recommend moving forward with a feasibility study (1) to evaluate our vision for a bigger, better library. The overall mindset of using public funds wisely by reviewing viable options should be the priority.
- **Building Committee Update** – The building committee recommended to the ERDL board at the July 8, 2021 ERDL meeting to proceed with a feasibility study to evaluate our vision and options, however, one building committee member recanted their initial support without reason, cause or justification at the June 10, 2021 building committee meeting. The motion to proceed with a feasibility study failed in a 4-4 split vote.
- **Audit of Capital Campaign** – Pending.
- **Capital Campaign** - A unanimous vote to suspend the Capital Campaign by the ERDL board took place at the meeting held on July 8, 2021. A draft letter to donor's explaining the various obstacles and challenges that have hindered the campaigns ability to successfully move forward will be finalized. The overall message per the draft letter: "We have been reassessing the situation and conclude that there are issues that need to be addressed and opportunities that deserve consideration before moving forward." "The needs and requirements of our community are changing, and we feel it is time to look at other options and opportunities that could be a better fit".
- **Strategic Plan (2)** – Until the building committee is allowed to perform due diligence in evaluating alternatives by conducting a feasibility study, there is no point in a strategic plan to implement and manage a strategic direction. Without evaluating our vision to make the best decisions, the ERDL board is at an impasse.
- **Next Meeting** – Thursday, July 15, 2021  
~~10:30 am – ERDL Board to discuss the suggested changes to the draft donor letter – CANCELLED~~  
11:00 am – Personnel Committee

- (1) Feasibility study is to be completed prior to a strategic plan. It helps determine whether an idea is a viable option.
- (2) A strategic plan is created in order to define its strategy, priorities, direction and making decisions on allocating its resources to pursue this strategy.