

APPROVED 7-21-25 Leelanau Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Present: Mark Morton, Rick Gans, Dale Lersch, Jamie Scripps, Mary Robertson

Absent: Amanda Kruk

Staff present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director

Public and Friends present: Ann Harper, Patty Noftz (via Zoom)

1. Call to order, Mark called the meeting to order at 7:11PM
2. Approval of minutes. Dale moved to approved the minutes of the 6-16 meeting. Mary seconded, passed unanimously.
3. Public comment: Ann Harper reported on libraries she has visited recently, including the Central Lake District library, which although built in the 1990s, felt very contemporary. Offices there had one-way windows where staff could observe library functions without being seen, as well as work in privacy, but still keep an eye on public spaces. She also provided materials from the Elk Rapids Library district and their current fund-raising and new millage efforts to build out a new library. Finally, she suggested looking into Michigan Chap Book contest winners for next years' summer writer's series.
4. Directors Report
 - a. Library usage has been robust, much higher than last years' numbers. Programs have been well attended.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Erin will be starting to work full-time beginning in September, and signing up for health insurance. As a result, line 709 will need to be increased next month when Julie has a specific quote from the health insurance provider. That adjustment can be made next month.
 - b. Line 747, programs, will need to be adjusted next month as some of the programs paid for by the library have been reimbursed by the Friends of the Library, per the agreement with them. That money that was received from the friends is in line 674.4 and should be credited to Line 747. No action necessary at this meeting.
 - c. Mary moved to accept the financial report, Dale seconded; passed unanimously.
6. New Business
 - a. Julie and Mark reported on MelCat funding. The Federal government released some of the frozen funds, as a result, MelCat is now funded through the state through September of 2026.
7. Old Business: none.
8. Public Comment: none
9. Rick moved the board go into closed session to discuss real estate matter at 7:38PM. Mary seconded. All voted in favor.
10. Rick moved to go back into public session at 8:17PM. Dale seconded. All voted in favor.
11. Mark moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Next meeting August 18, 2025 at 7PM.

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Rick Gans, treasurer