Ida Public Library

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Tuesday June 10, 2019

Ida Public Library Board Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Robert Pechacek. The following Trustees were present: Donna Donato, Paul Grover, Kim Hohf, Robert Pechacek, Michelle Rappuhn. Also present was Ida Library Director Ashley Bryant.

**Public Comment**: None.

**Exterior building walk-around**:

* The staircase upper landing cement was repaired successfully.
* The railing on the steps looks rusty and chipped. Paul will contact Olman to see how their railings were updated.
* The exterior of the building was cleaned with a purchased power washer by Ed, and looks good.
* The lawn needs weeded. Ashley will ask Sandy if she can help with it.
* Mowing costs the library $400/month. A mower could be purchased and stored in the shed, so Ed can mow.
* Laurie will call Green City for an estimate to remove the thistle and weeds in the parking lot areas.
* Upon inspection, the shed probably won’t be big enough for a mower.
* The amaranth plants are getting very large, and may need to be cut back.
* There was a discussion on whether to remove or trim back the 2 evergreen trees in front of the building. Ashley will get quotes, and trustee Michelle will Photoshop options.
* There are some holes at the base of the steps. The committee thought that a good cleaning might be sufficient.
* Ashley will ask Ed to spray the areas with the most mulch with Round Up, if he’s comfortable doing so. If not, Kim volunteered to assist with it.
* The cement area outside of the break room needs to be re-caulked. Ed can help. The caulk must be made for use with concrete.
* The holes in the gutter have not been repaired. Kim suggested a firmly worded letter or email to request the original repairmen to return and fix the issue.
* The mural under the stairs has not been covered in chalkboard paint, but will be pre-coated in black paint before applying the more expensive chalkboard paint. When complete, it will be a changing community mural.
* The ramp seems to be in good shape, but some of the railings need to be tightened. There are metal plates on the side wall, and it was noted that they may be covering lights, perhaps because they were not working.
* The small garden area, that does not receive sunlight, was recently full of water and mud, due to weather. The decorative stone idea is on hold for the moment.
* After the next Board meeting, if anyone wants to do weeding, they are welcome to do so.

**Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn by Donna, second by Kim. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rappuhn

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