

PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Block at 5 PM.

Present: Kim Block, Laura Dinon, Ann Ingles, Amy Janssens, Trevor Nelson, Moira Donahoe (student) and Val Meyerson, Library Director

Agenda: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2026 were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Approval of Bills: Payment of the bills for March 2026 was approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report on Financial Statements: Trevor stated that everything looks good and that there was nothing out of the ordinary.

Reports:

- Friends of the Library - Lori Smith and Cindy Zipp were in attendance and reported that the group currently has 12 board members, while the by-laws allow for 15. One new board member has volunteered to take charge of and maintain the FOPPL archives. Due to a change in membership the monthly board meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday of each month at 5:15 pm and will be available via Zoom, with the help of Reference Librarian Mary Beauchamp.
- Comments/questions from township representatives - No township representatives were present.
- Director's Report - Val had provided a written report. She announced that Linda Adams is planning her retirement as the Co-op Director. The appointments of the next teen board member and the teen intern for the pilot program "Next Chapter" are imminent. Interviews for a new facilities manager are scheduled for next week. Two staff members are doing training around the book Conversations worth Having, about how to have difficult conversations. Val herself is looking at becoming a trainer and then training the entire staff. The library is gearing up for the summer reading program.

Unfinished Business: Kim reviewed the process of selecting a teen board member for next year.

New Business:

- Library Director Succession Plan - Val explained the basics of the detailed succession plan. Discussion.
*Laura moved and Amy seconded to accept the succession plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Due to the opening reception for the exhibit Women and Water on August 27 the Board agreed to change the August meeting to August 20, 2026.
- Master Plan Proposal Recommendation - Kim explained the process for the recommendation which comes from a committee including Kim, Ann, Val, and Jodi Haven, Assistant Director, when she was available. Six proposals were received. Kim reviewed some of the highlights of the different proposals and noted that the committee felt that each company had much to offer and that the committee was recommending the company KRM located in Plymouth, Michigan. After some discussion
*Trevor moved and Laura seconded to accept the KRM masterplan proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ingles, Secretary