

Northfield Township Area Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
8/16/2022

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call:
Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by R. Spooner
Present: G. Hermann, C. Watkins, J. Secrist, L. Strausbaugh
Z. Nelson (Ex Officio), Elizabeth
Absent: S. Purrington
- II. Additions to the agenda: none
- III. Correspondence: There was a Thank-you card from Kim Kozel
The board very much appreciates the card.
- IV. Comments from the Public: none
- V. Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2022
Motion to approve the June 21st, 2022, Minutes made by C. Watkins and
seconded by J. Secrist was unanimously approved.
- VI. Library Director's Report:
 - a. Summer Reading Club: Elizabeth gave a summary detailing the number of events and the number in attendance. They were very well attended, exceeding previous years.
There were several adult and youth events.
1,334 total in attendance.
G. Hermann asked for clarification and expressed unease regarding the Grown-Up Summer Camp trip to Planted.
 - b. Hillary will participate on the Parks and Rec. Board meetings to potentially collaborate with NTAL activities.
 - c. Due to several pine trees becoming diseased on NTAL property, this year it may be necessary to purchase a Christmas tree.
 - d. The older Wi-Fi routers at NTAL may be causing bandwidth problems. The director is looking into purchasing newer routers to potentially solve the problem.
 - e. The Whitmore Lake Elementary School is requesting using NTAL as a location for its emergency evacuation plan. A public building is required, and NTAL is the closest facility.
The NTAL Board is in support of this.

VII. Financial Report:

J. Secrist reviewed the August 2022 report.

Accurate financial data is not quite ready because of the township reconciliation schedule. We are going to be a month or two behind in the reports.

Motion to accept the August 2022, financial report made by G. Hermann and seconded by C. Watkins was unanimously approved.

VIII. Committee Reports: None

IX. Unfinished Business: None

X. New Business:

a. Food forest/community orchard presentation by Ben Kasmenn:

Ben discussed his proposal.

Ben currently does the landscaping at NTAL.

He is looking for a 3-to-5-year contract.

There is concern regarding the costs of the project and restricting access.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will schedule a future meeting to discuss the proposal.

There was mention of contacting Parks and Rec. and other groups for assistance and/or suggestions.

The board is asking Ben to produce a rough budget.

XI. Comments from the Board:

J. Secrist talked about the historic marker. We need to make some decisions on what goes on the plaque. And make a proposal to township to get their opinion.

XII. Adjournment: 7:59 pm

Motion to adjourn by G. Hermann, seconded by L. Strausbaugh was unanimously approved.



Date: 9-20-2022

Gerald Hermann

Secretary Northfield Township Area Library