

TINLEY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 27, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
First Floor Computer Classroom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Augustyniak, Trustee
Brad Daniels, Treasurer
Leah Herman, Vice-President
Joe Molinare, Trustee
Elizabeth Stern-Secretary
Gloria Yakes, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Hess-Wojcik, President

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Sarah Schroeder, Assistant Director
Jennifer Schulien, Business Office Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Tinley Park Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST/AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

There were no visitors or guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Augustyniak moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Yakes seconded. Ayes: Chuck Augustyniak, Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Joe Molinare, Elizabeth Stern, Gloria Yakes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Trustee Yakes moved to approve the April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Augustyniak seconded. Trustee Yakes mentioned Secretary Stern was left off the attendance list. Trustee Yakes moved to approve the April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with corrections. Trustee Augustyniak seconded. Ayes: Chuck Augustyniak, Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Joe Molinare, Elizabeth Stern, Gloria Yakes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

To Orland Hills Public Library District: Request for First Payment of FY2027.

Assistant Director Schroeder explained the request for this payment was made and has already been received.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of April 2026 Financial Report.

Treasurer Daniels moved to approve the April 2026 Financial Report. Trustee Molinare seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Chuck Augustyniak, Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Joe Molinare, Elizabeth Stern, Gloria Yakes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of April 2026 Bills List totaling \$419,876.03.

Secretary Stern moved to approve the April 2026 Bills List totaling \$419,876.03. Treasurer Daniels seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Chuck Augustyniak, Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Joe Molinare, Elizabeth Stern, Gloria Yakes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Director's Report.

Trustee Yakes inquired about the contract with Desert Wing and asked if the insurance was the sticking point. Assistant Director Schroeder said Desert Wing is still consulting their own legal team to work out details of this contract.

Assistant Director's Report.

Trustee Yakes thanked Assistant Director Schroeder for including links to the information about the Dolly Patron Imagination Library. Secretary Stern asked if this is something the Friends of the Library could be involved in. Assistant Director Schroeder said that is correct. The library's involvement would be to identify stakeholders and assist with enrollment.

Strategic Plan FY2026 Q4 Report.

Vice-President Herman shared she feels everyone is doing such a great job and it is great to see all that is taking place. She also mentioned the Passport program for the summer. Assistant Director Schroeder shared this is replacing the geocaching program. Secretary Stern was pleased to see that the database committee is making purchasing and renewal decisions based on usage analytics.

April 2026 Statistics.

The April 2026 Statistics were noted. Vice-President Herman is excited to see the numbers going up now that the renovation is complete.

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No report.

Staff Updates.

Tony Polius, Part-Time Computer Assistant, resigned his position effective May 9. Jennifer Harris resigned their position as a Part-Time Shelver as of May 30.

Building and Grounds.

Assistant Director Schroeder shared multiple updates. The acrylic roof outside the vestibule has been washed and sealed. The fountain has been turned on. Facilities Manager Serafino is working with ComEd to see about replacing the lights on the first floor with LEDs. Facilities Manager Serafino and Facilities Assistant Morrison have been sealing wood for the Prairie Project which has saved the library \$4000.00. There are new saltwater fish in the tank in Youth Services. There were a few issues with the Bookmobile which have been addressed and are being repaired. The flag poles in front of the building will be repaired soon due to cables inside not functioning.

Prairie Garden & Story Walk Project Updates.

Assistant Director Schroeder shared there have been many questions from the public regarding the project. The general contractor would like to attend the next Board meeting to meet the Board members. Trustee Augustyniak asked if the completion date is still on target. Assistant Director Schroeder shared it should be complete by mid-July. Treasurer Daniels asked if the project is on budget and it is.

Youth Advisory Council Report

No report.

Friends of the Library Report.

Assistant Director Schroeder shared the Friends of the Library have elected new officers. They are investigating accepting credit card payments, as well as researching becoming 501c3.

Departmental Report.

The report was noted.

Program Publicity Report.

Secretary Stern noticed the open rates for emails have increased and asked if the reason was known. Assistant Director Schroeder will inquire with the Marketing Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Review of Board Bylaws.

Assistant Director Schroeder stated this would be the time for the Board members to review the bylaws. Any proposed changes would be reviewed at the June meeting. There was discussion as to how best communicate any proposed changes. Secretary Stern also asked if there was additional training that Board members could do. Assistant Director Schroeder will continue to look for opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS

Assistant Director Schroeder, shared Director Musil has reached out to the food pantry. They do not have a micro pantry. They also feel a micro pantry would be more effective on the east side of town. They would also be willing to partner with the library if that was the decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Chuck Augustyniak - No comment.

Brad Daniels - No comment

Leah Herman - Vice-President Herman thanked everyone.

Joe Molinare - No comment.

Elizabeth Stern - No comment.

Gloria Yakes - Trustee Yakes asked if the SWAN catalog was down recently. It was down but it is now working.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Daniels moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Trustee Augustyniak seconded. Ayes: All
Nays: None. Motion carried.

AMENDED

NEXT MEETING:

June 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President