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**PAW PAW DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting
September 1, 2020**

President Sherry Bennett called the special meeting of the Paw Paw District Library Board of Directors to order at 7:03 PM via Zoom webinar in compliance with State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-75.

Board members present: Sherry Bennett, Suzanne Miller, Julie Pioch Catey Bolton, Krystal Seibert, Brian Wiersma Absent: Laurie Cooper

Staff present: Library Director Gretchen Evans

Public in attendance: Jim Miller, Molly Wunderlich

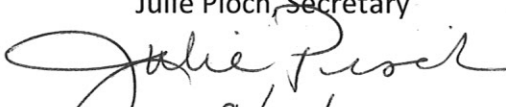
DISCUSSION OF SOAPYS PROPERTY

Director Evans began discussion with an overview of the history of the property since our purchase, consultant opinions and current safety issues related to the vacant building. Board members discussed individual future visions for the property, interest in getting community input on a final plan, the desire to have a space that allows for expanded library programming and patron use. The discussion concluded with consensus that action needed to be taken sooner rather than later to remedy current safety and blight issues. The board also thought it important to have additional time to work together with library staff, the community, and other stakeholders to develop a common vision and a plan.

It was moved by Wiersma and seconded to completely demolish the current building to create a blank space ready for future development and for Director Evans to obtain three bids to include building demolition, topsoil and seeding.

The motion was adopted on a roll call vote (Yes: Sherry Bennett, Suzanne Miller, Julie Pioch Catey Bolton, Krystal Seibert; No: none).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

Julie Pioch, Secretary

Date Approved: 9/21/2020