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**PAW PAW DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 4, 2024**

Vice-President Suzanne Miller called the special meeting committee of the Paw Paw District Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:28 PM at the Paw Paw District Library.

Board members present: ~~Brian Wiersma~~, Suzanne Miller, Catey Bolton, Julie Pioch, Krystal Seibert, Sherry Bennett, Jeremy Davison; Absent: Brian Wiersma

Others present: Gretchen Evans, PPDL Director & Jim Miller

The board worked through questions presented by landscape design consultants C2AE to help focus the design work of the new outdoor development.

Possible Themes:

Nature

In concert with Nature (in concert with our building)

Full Brain

Library in Nature

Libraries everywhere

A design that will make the community say “Wow, that really looks great”

A design that blends well with the current library building

A design that has intentional “pow” and “presence”

What problem will the project solve:

Programming space

Meeting space

More places for social use of library and creative activities

Design Elements to Consider:

1) Priority one - Pavilion:

Extended season

Designed for performance with audience (use natural slope)

Gas Fireplace or place to have a fire (warmth)

Esthetic – form and function

Usable spaces

Quad spaces with center mechanical core

Flexibility

Maybe toilets

Lights

Self-sustaining storage – storage for the new area – not have to store new things in building no need to for more building storage

2) Other important elements:

- 47 Road buffer
- 48 Paw Paw rental buffer
- 49 Climbing things for young people to interact with
- 50 Accessible Pathways
- 51 Multi-sensory Gardens
- 52 Lighting – solar electricity
- 53 A few extra parking spaces
- 54 Benches – places to sit
- 55 Space for story walk
- 56 Nature themed reading nooks (aka mushroom, tree, tuba)

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Budget:

59 After a review of funds available and some minor discussion. It was suggested that
60 we budget \$500,000 for construction in 2025.

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Charette invitations & date:

62 Members suggested names to Director Evans. Dates and more details for charrette to be
63 discussed at December 17 regular meeting.
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Julie Pioch, Secretary

Date Approved: 12/16/24