

Indian Prairie Public Library  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
November 20, 2024

**Truth in Taxation Hearing  
November 20, 2024– 6:30 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose – Vice-President Damon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Christina Rodriguez (attended by phone), Samia Wahab, Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski.  
Absent: Themis Raftis, Victoria Suriano  
Damon stated that the purpose of the hearing was to provide opportunity for public comment on the proposed property tax levy increase. The Legal Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Indian Prairie Public Library District appeared in The Naperville Sun Newspaper on November 13, 2024.
- B. Public Questions/Comments – No public in attendance.
- C. Closing of Hearing – Damon closed the hearing at 6:35 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2024 – 6:35 p.m.**

- A. Roll Call  
Vice-President Damon called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Secretary Krupicka called the roll. Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis (arrived at 6:40), Christina Rodriguez (attended by phone), Samia Wahab  
Absent: Victoria Suriano  
Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Erin Fergus  
Others: Lissa Fisher, intern observing the meeting  
  
Vice-President Damon asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.
- B. Mission Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library mission statement. We enrich people’s lives by providing opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.  
  
Vision Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library vision statement. Lives are enriched and dreams are realized.  
  
Values Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.
- C. Public Comment  
  
At this point Fergus gave her staff report. When she finished the Board continued with the rest of the agenda.
- D. Communications and Announcements  
1. Dena to IPPL re: Library Programs  
2. Birmingham to Morton Arboretum re: Tree Equity Grant Application  
3. Mares to Allard re: The Way Forward in Art Group

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 16, 2024
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
3. Ordinance #2024-5 Directing County Clerk as to PTELL Reduction
4. Resolution #2024-C Authority to Sign

Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

Birmingham thanked the three Trustees who filed for the 2025 election. Handling the large groups of teens visiting the library after school has improved. Birmingham reached out to the high school for advice and the Dean's office has been very responsive.

H. Department Reports

Lawson recapped her written report from the packet. The drive-up will be closed for one day during the first floor workroom reorganization project in December. Palmisano highlighted the large number of community members that IPPL Programming and Outreach staff interacted with at local Trunk or Treat events. She also noted the preparation that went into The Bluey Bash. Rodriguez attended our Las Vegas Headliners concert and said it was fantastic - Birmingham noted that adult librarian Jean Carroll has done a great job reviving our concert offerings.

I. Staff Report –

Senior Librarian, Erin Fergus, spoke to the Board about Early Literacy at IPPL. She is responsible for birth through kindergarten programming as well as family programming which goes up to age seven. Little Town continues to be a much-loved and often used area. Erin thanked the Board for funding which allowed her to add popular items like the Marble Wall, Market Stand, and Ice Cream Parlor. She was also able to make purchases to replace broken and worn out items. Our Little Makers Corner was implanted by Erin in response to requests for a maker area for little ones – coloring and other activities help develop fine motor skills and encourage creativity. People also asked for activities they could do at home so Erin created Little Makers Home Activities – early learning skills like tracing and matching can be practiced at home. Our storytimes (Preschool Play, Baby Brilliance, Toddler classes) continue to be well attended – developmentally and seasonally appropriate, they include song, movement, beginning preschool skills, educational and literacy activities. This will be the third year that the Morton Arboretum will be returning to do a Nature Storytime at the library. Erin noted the wonderful connections that families are making with other families while attending our storytimes – and some are getting together outside the library! Our most popular 2024 programs included: See a Juggler Be a Juggler, Firefighter Meet & Greet, Firefly Family Theatre, and Bluey Bash. The Mini Music Makers Class and Little Builders Drop-In continue to be well attended as well as our Favorite Character Parties. Looking ahead to 2025, we are hosting a Preschool Resource Fair in January. Patrons have asked for more baby specific programs so starting in January we will have a Baby Playdate every month. Erin would like to increase outreach to area schools; currently 19 schools fit this age group (school districts, private schools, daycares). The Board thanked Erin for all of the wonderful programming.

J. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report - backup in packet.

2. Committee of the Whole Minutes, 11/5/24 – Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to approve Committee of the Whole Minutes dated 11/5/24. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
4. Finance Committee – no report
5. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
6. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business

1. Mission and Vision Statement Refresh – The Board agreed on the mission statement that includes the word “connect”. They liked the vision statement in the packet.

L. New Business

1. Ordinance #2024-6 Levying and Assessing Taxes for FY 2024-2025 – Raftis moved, Krupicka seconded to approve Ordinance #2024-6 Levying and Assessing Taxes for FY 2024-2025. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Meetings Scheduled

Policy Committee meeting – to be decided

N. Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m. Palmisano moved, Wahab seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

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Marian Krupicka, Secretary