

Golden Prairie Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
5:00pm

At 5:00 pm, President Jim Russell opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 25-01, the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning the first day of July 2025 and ending the 30th day of June 2026. President Russell called for public comments three times with no responses. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:01 pm.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

President Russell called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Ary Anderson, Ruth Novosad, Stephen Peterson, Patti Salch, Kathy Vroman, Stephanie Walden, Jim Russell

Others Present: Tara Braucht, Caitlin Cline, Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Emily Wolpert

Absent: none

III. Introductions

Tara Braucht introduced herself.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. President's Report

Jim Russell stated that he attended the Bloomington Public Library Board meeting last night. He's interested to see the process of their strategic planning efforts.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. July 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

VII. Staff Reports

A. Director's Report: Jeanne shared that the BPL On the Go vehicle is on the road, mostly doing home deliveries, pop up library stops, and deposits. Connect Transit is partnering with the library again for Library Card Sign Up Month in September, offering free bus rides to people who show their library card. The Time Capsule event was fun and exciting, and the Time Capsule is now in the locked cabinet in the Quiet Reading Room. Summer Reading Program numbers are being finalized and are expected to be record-breaking. On September 1st, the library is reducing the monthly Hoopla checkout limit from 10 to 7 to help control costs. Seven was the limit prior to the pandemic.

B. Outreach Report: Emily reviewed the newest Bookmobile schedules. Caitlin led a discussion on her report for August.

- C. Financial Report: Kathy Jeakins stated that the final FY25 report was in the packet. She received requests for items from the auditor and will begin gathering those next week.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discuss/Approve Any Open Marketing Plan Initiatives

RUTH NOVOSAD MOVED, AND STEPHEN PETERSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE SPENDING UP TO \$1,300.00 FOR STICKERS, BOOKMARKS, AND CANDY TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT PARADES AND OTHER EVENTS.

YAYS: ARY ANDERSON, RUTH NOVOSAD, STEPHEN PETERSON, PATTI SALCH, KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, JIM RUSSELL

NAYS: NONE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)

STEPHANIE WALDEN MOVED, AND STEPHEN PETERSON SECONDED, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF A PERSON TO FILL A PUBLIC OFFICE.

YAYS: ARY ANDERSON, RUTH NOVOSAD, STEPHEN PETERSON, PATTI SALCH, KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, JIM RUSSELL

NAYS: NONE

RUTH NOVOSAD MOVED, AND ARY ANDERSON SECONDED, TO RESUME REGULAR SESSION.

YAYS: ARY ANDERSON, RUTH NOVOSAD, STEPHEN PETERSON, PATTI SALCH, KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, JIM RUSSELL

NAYS: NONE

JIM RUSSELL STATED THAT NO ACTION TOOK PLACE DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

X. New Business

A. Approve Appointment to the GPPLD Board

STEPHANIE WALDEN MOVED, AND RUTH NOVOSAD SECONDED, TO APPOINT SHELLY PURCHIS TO THE GOLDEN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD AS OF ARY ANDERSON'S RESIGNATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3.

B. Adopt Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

STEPHANIE WALDEN MOVED, AND RUTH NOVOSAD SECONDED, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-01 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE

FIRST DAY OF JULY 2025 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2026 AS PRESENTED IN THE PACKET.

YAYS: ARY ANDERSON, RUTH NOVOSAD, STEPHEN PETERSON, PATTI SALCH, KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, JIM RUSSELL

NAYS: NONE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- XI. Comments from Board Trustees
Patti shared that she loves the new plants on the patio and the great fall programs coming up. Ruth thanked Ary for her service to the board. She also mentioned that the BloNo Graden Club is using one of the Community Rooms to make wreaths. Stephanie thanked Kathy for taking the lead on the sticker/bookmark marketing project. Ary officially tendered her resignation from the board as of the end of the August 2025 meeting.
- XII. Reminder
A. Next Board Meeting is September 17, 2025
- XIII. Adjournment
Jim Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.