

Fruitport District Library

Board of Directors

Thursday, May 23, 2019

A special meeting of the Fruitport District Library Board was called to order by Rose Dillon at 5:33 p.m.

Present: Dillon, Woodward, Stonecypher, Oldt, Datte, Pope, Weimer (arrived late)

Also present: Bill Weimer and Adam DeWitt

Topic of discussion related to water in the basement at the library – what is causing it? – what to do about it?

History:

The library has had numerous problems with water over the years, but has not experienced anything serious since the installation of the new septic system in 2015.

On Friday, May 17, the sprinkler system was turned on for the season. Eldon Crawford set it to run on even numbered days at 6:00 a.m. for 15 minutes in each of the three zones.

On Saturday the “Friends” were working in the basement and did not report any problems.

On Sunday the cleaners called Rose to report significant water in the basement. Two board members reported seeing the sprinklers running later in the day on Sunday (an odd numbered day). Adam turned them off at the control panel. Rose and Marjorie met with Eldon Crawford at the library. When looking at the sprinkler timer we saw that it was set to run at 6:00 a.m. and 8:40 and 1:45. Anything to do with sprinklers have now been shut off.

Talking points:

Bill for the clean-up from Disaster Relief = \$2,400

The water all appeared clear – no dirt or rust – therefore NOT from outside???

The sprinklers have been off since Sunday, and although there has been significant rain, there has not been any additional accumulation of water.

The floor should be ok. Purchased from Home Depot. Considered waterproof, vinyl flooring – won’t hold water – no glue or sub floor. Home Depot did suggest possibly putting wedges under the planks to allow the concrete to dry more thoroughly.

Garth Miller (Miller Backhoe) suggests we need bigger sump pumps. He has also stated that we should never mow over the septic area – WHY??

He recommends A & R concrete cutting to come and examine the area.

The lid of the septic tank appears to have been moved.

The fence around the septic has been removed. Why? By whom? Septic Company

Board members put safety tape around it for now.

Bill explained how our system operates at this time.

To Be Done:

Rose is going to check the flooring level.

Rose will talk to Garth Miller for further recommendations and information.

Rose will talk to Township re: suggestions

Laura will contact A & R.

Mary suggested contacting an engineering firm – Prein Newhof?
Need to restart and closely monitor the sprinklers to see if the problem recurs.

Other Issues:

The door to the boiler room is broken and can't be locked.

Rose will update our list of contact numbers.

Josh mentioned that we may need to consider increasing the pay for custodial/maintenance worker.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Woodward