

**Peter White Public Library  
Township Advisory Council  
Minutes  
September 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Karen Maki. This was the annual joint meeting between the Township Advisory Council (TAC) and Peter White Public Library (PWPL) Board of Trustees.

**Members Present:** Mary Davis, Suzanne Standerford, Orajane Kennedy, Sandi Robertson, Sandra Page, Jan Raskin, Karen Maki, Greg Hardy

**Others Present:** Andrew Dalian, Bruce MacDonald, Andrea Ingmire, Anne Donahue, Carol Steinhaus

**Officers** Karen Maki, President, Sandi Robertson, Vice President and Greg Hardy, Secretary were approved.

**The agenda** was approved without change.

**The minutes** from the June 1, 2016 Meeting were approved without change.

**Public Participation:** None

**Financial Report:** Andrea Ingmire reported that in times of funding uncertainty the library is holding it's own. She offered flexibility in the format of the financial reports provided in the TAC meeting package if anyone has something different they would like to see in the reports.

**Library Director's Report**

**Space Planning:** Andrea identified a need for evaluation of space planning at the library. Quotes are in progress to help determine if an outside consultant will be hired in this effort. Available storage area, adequate preparation area for youth services, security considerations and additional study spaces for patrons are examples of areas for review. Focus groups with staff and the public would be utilized in the process.

**Flying Moose Cafe:** There have been some delays in opening due to required equipment inspections, however, the Flying Moose is expected to open in the next week or two. Staff and patrons are excited for the opening.

**Expanded Funding:** The tax base impact of the Michigan Tax Tribunal and Brownfield is driving the library in alternative directions in respect to funding of the library. A short list of ideas being considered include: (1) Issuance of a new bond with the City of Marquette in 2017 This would be used for capital projects including building repairs and carpet replacement. (2) Utilization of provisions of the Headlee Override to restore reduced millage rates under Headlee. At this time restored millage rates are being considered in Chocolay Township and the City of Marquette. Voter approval would be required. (3) An effort to promote internal fund raising at the library, Rick Orr has provided financial guidance to help identify areas most likely to succeed.

**Election Update:** The results of the election for township millage renewals were good. Steady to improved numbers throughout the townships are a good sign.

**TAC Meeting Dates 2016/2017:** The TAC will meet on the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 5:00p.m. in the Shiras Room at the library.

**Old Business**

**TAC Bylaws:** President Karen Maki introduced minor changes to the TAC Bylaws addressing TAC representation at PWPL Board of Trustee meetings, duties of the Secretary in case of absence, location of the TAC meetings and shared responsibilities in setting the TAC meeting agenda. There was discussion regarding the responsibilities of TAC representation at PWPL Board of Trustee meetings. It was suggested that TAC members attending the PWPL Board of Trustee meetings bring updates and concerns for their particular township to the Board of Trustees. The proposed changes were approved and will be incorporated.

**New Business**

**Board Meeting TAC Representatives:** Karen Maki will attend the September and November meetings. Sandra Page will attend the October meeting and Sandi Robertson will attend the December meeting.

**Council Member Comments:** Sandi Robertson recommended revising the TAC Bylaws to include a scheduled annual joint meeting with the PWPL Board of Trustees.

**Public Partication:** None

**Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Shiras Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Hardy, secretary