

MEETING MINUTES
HOMEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Board Meeting, June 22, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Present: Trustees River, Ward and Gildart and Director Waltman.

Introduction of Guests

There were no guests.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Old Business

- **Discussion of Landscaping Plan**

Board President River had compiled roughly 2 pages of considerations and recommendations for the committee to review which were copied by Director Waltman and distributed. Additionally, Director Waltman shared a document with information she found researching some of the companies recommended by the University of Illinois Extension contact, Val Kehoe, who had been on site 6/13 and with whom Trustees River, Gildart and Director Waltman spent an hour walking around the property.

Some things on which the committee agreed to suggest/recommend as highest priority:

- The removal of the buckthorn as it is invasive
- The use of signage among the flora indicating the names of the plants
- Attention to the main bed seen prominently at the front entrance of the building

There was no disagreement among the committee members regarding the recommendations, but there was discussion that there would need to be a phased approach.

Additional committee discussion items:

- Consideration of hiring a company to develop a design. Trustee Ward will check with a local company and share her findings at the next full Board meeting. Most all of the recommended companies were not local. Homewood was out of the service area for at least one of them.
- Asking the current p-t temporary grounds person to do "dead heading" and work on the weeds on the Hoekstra side of the building, and water the planters

- Possibly increasing the hours of the part-time temporary person to assist with needed work this year, if that is feasible.
- Future programming ideas related to seed saving and sorting, possibly in the Spring

Items not discussed:

- Budget recommendations
- Specifics of plan for moving forward other than contacting possible design consultant, increasing hours of part-time temporary person

Adjournment

Trustee River motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Trustee Ward seconded. Meeting adjourned.