

## **BOLDOCT Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2022**

**Attendance:** Myron Goldman, Julie Haywood, Jessika McLaughlin, Nathan Schultz, Dan Schultz, Matt Areman, Mary Kay Moran, Azsa Hill, Elizabeth McGoran

**Public Comment:** none

### **Consent Agenda:**

- **Motion:** *Myron Goldman moved to approve the consent agenda, Julie Haywood seconded the motion, and the motion passed.*

**Sunshine Announcements:** On January 26, the board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters. There will also be an executive session held after this meeting.

**Librarian's Report (Elizabeth McGoran, Head Librarian of Elkins Park branch):** See attached report.

### **Commissioner's Report (Matt Areman, Township Commissioner):**

- There was a redesign of the township's website, and it could be a chance for the library to be included in various ways on the site. The facilities meeting will be rescheduled. The community centers are being prepared to be available April 1 for the libraries to prepare for reopening.

### **New Business:**

- **2020 Audit:** The board discussed the library system's 2020.
  - **Motion:** *Dan Schultz moved to approve the 2020 audit, and Myron Goldman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.*
- **Governance Committee:** Following review by outside counsel, the committee revised the whistleblower policy and sent it to the board members for review.
  - **Motion:** *Matt Areman moved to adopt the whistleblower policy, Julie Haywood seconded the motion, all members voted in favor, and the motion passed.*
- **La Mott and East Cheltenham Services:** Mary Kay Moran presented her recommendations for future use of the East Cheltenham and La Mott Libraries (see attached "Recommendation for East Cheltenham and La Mott Libraries" for details). The members discussed their thoughts about the proposed plan. As the board and library staff make decisions going forward, they will clearly communicate the circumstances, changes, and seasonal schedules to the communities. Once the township's facilities plans are further developed, the library system will be better able to plan.

### **Public Comments/Questions:**

- Barbara Kotzin commented that she was not sure about the long-term sustainability of the seasonal opening plan. She mentioned how disruptive it would be to the lives of the East Cheltenham and La Mott staff members to need to change schedules seasonally to

accommodate the opening and closing of the libraries. There is also a potential safety risk for library staff that are the only staff in the buildings.

- Norma Rotman asked if unsafe conditions at the community centers are still an issue, and Matt Areman informed her that Township staff are making repairs and doing maintenance to ensure that the library spaces are safe and usable.
- *Strategic Plan Update:* The board members and library staff received a “Community Needs Assessment” report and “Learning” report. A board retreat will be held on Sunday, February 27 at Elkins Park with Amanda from Fast Forward Learning. On Monday, February 28, staff will meet at Elkins Park with Amanda for strategic planning discussion.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

- This will be the last virtual meeting, as in-person meetings will resume in April. There are plans to allow members of the public to attend virtually.

**Motion:** *Myron Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting, Jessika McLaughlin seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned.*