Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Crystal Lake Public Library, Ames Room

I. Call to Order: The meeting of the Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Cary Waxler at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call and declaration of quorum:

Present: Bonita Drew, Mary Fisher, Stacey Lorenz, Nancy McFadden, Emily Preston, Rebecca Sisler, Charles Stump, Cary Waxler

Absent: James Becker

Staff Present: Becky Fyolek, Executive Director; Veronica Morales, Recording Secretary; Kriste Amherdt, Business Manager; Stephanie Price, Marketing Manager; Nancy Weber, Head of Adult Services; Mari Swift, Head of Circulation Services; Dawn Dvorak, Head of Youth Services

Guest: Roger Ritzman, Attorney at Peregrine, Stime, Newman, Ritzman & Bruckner, Ltd

Public: Mary Adams, CL resident; Bob Miller, CL resident; Katie Yoars, CL resident; Gail Wasserstein, CL resident; and Michelle Meyer, Northwest Herald reporter

III. Public Comment:

Crystal Lake resident Mary Adams addressed the Board regarding the future of the library building and expressed support for keeping the library in its current location.

Crystal Lake resident Katie Yoars addressed the Board regarding the future of the library building and raised questions about opportunities for residents to vote on the proposal, potential tax increases, and the outcomes of previous referenda. She encouraged the Board to provide residents with opportunities to share their feedback.

Crystal Lake resident Gail Wasserstein addressed the Board regarding the future of the library building, expressing support for maintaining the library at its current location and preference for a tax referendum. She also encouraged the Board to seek input from residents.

Crystal Lake resident Bob Miller expressed support for the comments and perspectives shared by the preceding speakers.

IV. Board Action:

A. Letter of Intent – 200 E. Congress Parkway

It was moved by Charles Stump and seconded by Nancy McFadden to approve the Letter of Intent between the City of Crystal Lake and the Library. And to authorize the President of the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Crystal Lake to sign it and the Executive Director to send it to the Crystal Lake City Council.

Trustee Waxler presented the Letter of Intent for 200 E. Congress Parkway to the Board. Roger Ritzman, attorney at Peregrine, Stime, Newman, Ritzman & Bruckner, Ltd., was also present. The Board discussed the Letter of Intent.

Trustee Drew shared a letter from Trustee Becker, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with the Letter of Intent, incorporating minor changes recommended by legal counsel.

It was moved to amend the original motion to approve the Letter of Intent between the City of Crystal Lake and the Library. And to authorize the President of the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Crystal Lake to sign it and the Executive Director to send it to the Crystal Lake City Council, incorporating Mr. Ritzman's recommendations.

ROLL CALL:
Aye: Bonita Drew, Mary Fisher, Stacey Lorenz, Nancy McFadden, Emily Preston, Rebecca Sisler, Charles Stump, Cary Waxler
Absent: James Becker
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed

It was moved by Trustee Stump and seconded by Emily Preston to approve the Letter of Intent between the City of Crystal Lake and the Library. And to authorize the President of the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Crystal Lake to sign it and the Executive Director to send it to the Crystal Lake City Council as amended.

ROLL CALL:
Aye: Bonita Drew, Mary Fisher, Stacey Lorenz, Nancy McFadden, Emily Preston, Rebecca Sisler, Charles Stump, Cary Waxler
Absent: James Becker
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed

V. Adjournment: It was moved by Bonita Drew and seconded by Nancy McFadden to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Voice Vote: Aye-8; Nay- 0; Absent-1; Abstain- 0; Motion Passed.

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Rebecca Sisler, Secretary