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**MINUTES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

<u>Members:</u>		<u>Staff:</u>
Ben Baum	Bernadette Yannacci	Karen Klapperstuck
Lisa Chen	Kelly Strenkowski	Lynnette Fucci
Marilyn Gonyo	Kelly Roselle (virtual)	Emily Mazzoni
Prena Shah	Joan Zozulin	
Bob Isaacs (virtual)		<u>Student Representative:</u>
	<u>Guest:</u> Allan Marain	Meghana Mopidevi (virtual)

The meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ben Baum.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

It was noted that this meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16 MEETING

The minutes from the June 16, 2026 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees were presented. Prena Shah moved to approve the June minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by Kelly Strenkowski. The motion carried with all members in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FARMERS MARKET

Karen reported that the Farmers Market is off to a good start. The second and third markets were moved inside – July 2 due to the extreme heat and poor air quality and July 9 due to thunderstorms and wind. Fingers crossed that July 16 can be outside!

REMOTE PICK-UP LOCKERS

The lockers at the Community Center and Senior Center are both installed and wrapped. Staff are working on finetuning the logistics of the service. The lockers will have a soft launch of the service with a bigger advertising push after a few weeks to make sure that staff is able to anticipate issues that may arise before a wide release.

CIRCULATION POLICY CLARIFICATION

Karen reports that a patron argued the language in the Circulation Policy surrounding the “replacement cost” of lost items. Jackie Gryszka and Karen will prepare a revision to clarify to bring to the Trustees at the September meeting.

TIME/PRINT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

STELLA has decided to move away from using Comprise for computer time and print management software. The service will be through Envisionware. Patcy Drake, who also participates in the STELLA technology committee, will help library staff with the switch to the new platform/software.

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AND NAWA

The Library Gallery is currently hosting the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) HerStory 250 in cooperation with the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission. The Commission held a lovely reception for the selected artists on July 11. The Commission will also host an artist talk event on August 23, the final day of the installation.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

Lynnette reports that summer programming Library is underway. The Youth Services Department launched the season with a Petting Zoo and Musical Petting Zoo, both of which were well attended. Children throughout the community have been registering for the Library's Summer Reading Challenge, "Reading is Revolutionary" and participation has been strong.

REV250

Lynnette reports that the Library proudly participated in the Township's weeklong celebration of America's 250th anniversary during the week of June 29. On Wednesday, July 1, the Library hosted a History Hunt, a self-guided activity featuring ten historic locations throughout Monroe Township, including the encampment sites of General George Washington and General Charles Lee. Library staff also participated at Dey Farm, where attendees received two commemorative pins and a commemorative lanyard in recognition of their participation in the event.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nothing outstanding to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

Marilyn Gonyo presented the report on the Mayor’s behalf. The Mayor reported that Monroe Township's weeklong American Independence celebration was a great success, with strong participation and support from numerous Township Departments. He expressed his

appreciation to all Departments that contributed to the success of the events. The fireworks display was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Township is working to reschedule the event later this summer, with an announcement to be made once a new date has been finalized.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend National Night Out at Thompson Park on Tuesday, August 4. He also noted that the Township's Summer Concert Series is underway and thanked the Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) for organizing this year's lineup of musical performances.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Joan Zozulin, the newly elected President of the Friends of the Library, attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Board. She shared that the Friends are interested in taking a more active financial role in supporting Library programs and initiatives and look forward to expanding their partnership with the Library.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Nothing outstanding to report.

MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Roselle reported that the school district is currently offering several summer programs: including Extended School Year (ESY), Credit Recovery/Credit Completion, Summer Advancement and Summer Enrichment. She noted that the Board of Education met on July 15 with the next meeting scheduled for August 19. Dr. Roselle also announced that Katie Nguyen has been appointed Principal of Applegarth Elementary School and Nick Reinhold has been named Assistant Principal for Oak Tree and Applegarth.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Meghana reported that AP scores were released on July 6. She shared that the recent Red Cross Blood Drive was a success, with all donation appointments filled. She also noted that the event she hosted on July 17 was well attended, with more than 15 participants, and another program is scheduled for July 24. Additionally, she reported that the Summer Reading Program has received an excellent response with many participants already registered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Mazzoni reported about her Conference experience at the American Library Association Conference.

Karen presented a small revision to the Circulation Policy to clarify the definition of "replacement cost." The proposed change provides clearer guidance on how replacement charges for lost or damaged library materials are determined. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

ACTION BILLS

Marilyn Gonyo moved to approve the payment of bills numbered 19807-19845 in the amount of \$520,913. Kelly Strenkowski seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Bob Isaacs moved to adjourn the meeting. Prena Shah seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Fucci