

**Warren-Newport Public Library District
Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole Report**

Committee Work: Buildings and Grounds

Date and Time: September 7, 2021

Summary: What was discussed, reported on, accomplished? Was there consensus on a decision?

Started at 7:01 PM

Facilities Tour

Kevin led Ryan and the Board through the annual facilities tour.

The focus this year was a review of recently completed projects including the updated landscaping in the front of the Library, the parking lot repair and repaving, the retaining wall replacement, the LED lighting replacements, and the reconfiguration of The Vault to provide more study space.

During the outside portion of the tour, Kevin discussed plans to replace the bookmobile garage door which is original to the garage building and is past its operational lifetime. Kevin pointed out several trees on the property which have not weathered the recent Summer drought conditions and may need to be replaced. Kevin also discussed the condition of the main WNPL sign at the front of the property and challenges in maintaining the current sign.

While touring the outside of the building, Ryan discussed with the Board the possibility of exploring locations on the grounds where the Library could construct an outdoor seating and program space similar to the Reading Garden which had been removed in the previous building renovation. If the Board chooses to pursue this project, this new space would be designed to support a wider range of outdoor library programs than is possible on the grounds today.

During the inside portion of the tour, Kevin and Ryan led the Board through the Adult Services space and discussed the plans for future updates to the adult services area furniture to provide improved patron seating and more patron charging stations similar to recent updates in The Vault and The Point.

Ended at 7:50 PM

Recommendation(s) for Board Action (if any):

Move that the Board approve xxx (consent agenda) or (new business)

none

Agenda Item(s) for next Committee of the Whole:

none

Submitted by/date:

George Kotsinis / September 8, 2021