

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Valley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting SPECIAL Meeting

208 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 3pm

Meetings are open to the public.

Community Room

Agenda

- **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT¹**
- **BUSINESS**
 - ❖ The Board will discuss land options for a new library and how to proceed.
 - The discussion will include talking about Lewis & Clark Park and what was heard at the Town of Stevensville Council meeting on July 27. The land next to the school will be discussed and the problem of having water/sewer extend to that land and \$350,000+ more it would cost, as well as limited water/sewer capabilities. Other land option may also be considered and discussed.
 - Decisions will be made on how to inform the public about land, the findings of the Preliminary Architecture Report, why the library cannot remain at the current location, the desire of the surveyed public for the library to remain close to downtown Stevensville, and anything else the public needs to know regarding moving forward with plans for a new library.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

¹ If you are a member of the public and are unable to attend the Board meetings, the Board would still like to hear from you. Please email the Director at denisea@northvalleylibrary.org or you can email board members directly. A link to Trustee contact information can be found on our website at northvalleylibrary.org/board—information.

MINUTES

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- **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Dianne called the meeting to order at 3pm

- **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dianne Snedigar, Chair

Victoria Howell, Vice Chair

Caitlin Dunn, Secretary

Kim Tiplady

Margy Gilbertson

STAFF PRESENT Denise Ard, Director

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** No public was present to give comment.

- **BUSINESS**

- **Land options for a new library and how to proceed**

It was agreed that the library in the park was most desirable because of cost and because the land is served by sewer and water.

The school land is second in desirability, but at considerably more cost, due to the cost of the land itself, a house on the land, and not served by sewer and water.

The board agreed that it would be good to keep the conversation about the park land open, in spite of some initial negative feedback received at the Town meeting.

The board agreed that Dianne would go to the Town meeting the next day and speak during public comment, providing more information to the Council and those present, explaining why a library in the park was a good idea, and address some of the concerns brought up at the Town council meeting. The board worked on a statement to be read by Dianne at the Town meeting.

Denise mentioned that Bitterroot Library is next to a small park and the community loves it. She said a park and library make perfect partners. Denise said Bitterroot Library is able to have summer programming outdoors on the lawn that people enjoy, including Animal Wonders. Dianne said she would add that information to her statement and asked Denise to write it up and send to her after the meeting.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** No public joined the meeting so there was no public comment.
- **ADJOURNMENT** Caitlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 and Kim seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes by Denise Ard and Caitlin Dunn