

## **Building and Grounds Committee Report/ March 15th, 2023:**

*In attendance: Jaclyn, David, Laura and Eric*

David proposed that Julie be invited to join B&G Committee meetings to help advise on issues around accessibility.

Eric brought up the idea of wanting to see a facility plan for the library, as a means to get a handle on, and keep track of, needed maintenance and upkeep of the building. An existing plan, sent around by Craig in 2022, but somewhat out of date, was shared to the drive for evaluation by the group. It will be evaluated with the expectation that we will be able to build on it.

In 2020, we identified needs and established an account through M&T bank. David mentioned that the effort was to project what might need to be done in the next 5 years. The M&T account is reserved for major expenses (eg. roofing, etc) and is set at 60k.

There was talk about looking into getting the paving resealed, as David mentioned it is likely time.

We spoke about the ADA curb cut issue around disabled parking, which spurred a whole conversation about the current placement of disabled parking south of the entrance, and on an incline. We spoke about possibly moving the book drop to a less conspicuous location, but equally accessible, a few feet down the hill (close to the bike rack) and repositioning some of sidewalk to make entry accessible from all points. We will get a contractor to provide an estimate for two possible curb cut options, move book drop and cement jog around book drop, and move bike rack back toward the building to make ample room.

Eric brought up the need for benches out front to provide a place for people to sit and hang out directly in front of the entrance. We talked about the need for benches with a back and arms and David recommended Trex benches, which are durable and weather resistant.

Jaclyn spoke about the electrical work in the YA area being done, along with the painting. There was a shortage of green molding for that area along the west wall of the YA section, and we proposed getting black molding, which should blend seamlessly.

We visited the children's section and talked about reconfiguring that section to make room for new chair, etc, which brought on a whole other conversation about a sizable reconfiguration of that section to help both flow and access to an area that feels cramped and not necessarily conducive to hanging out and reading. Ideas were discussed, but nothing definitive was decided. Jaclyn said she would work on some ideas.