

Date 8/2/18

(LW)

PRAISE TO LUCCIANO WARD, MGR, + JIM, COLLEAGUES OF
CIRCULATION DEPT. JIM WAS PERSISTENTLY HELPFUL ON A CALL
TO AID A HARD RENEWAL REQUEST. LUCIANO ACTED SWIFTLY ON MY
LEFT MESSAGE ^{TO JIM} FOLLOWED UP WITH A VOICEMAIL/CONFIRM. VERY
FRIENDLY, ADAPTIVE, PATRON-CENTRIC, EXEMPLARY, TEAM FOCUS
PS 😊 A NEW AUTOMATED RENEWAL SYSTEM! Great stuff
Pol

Name R MEIRESONNE

Yes, I would like a personal response

Telephone 256 2422 or E-mail _____

Date 8/19/18

(SBB)

When not have a chess club
listed for adults. Some kids,
teen age expert but d'm a
parent and would prefer to
have adult competition

Name Liz Nicolai

Yes, I would like a personal response

Telephone 720 470 7784 or E-mail enicolai99@yahoo.com

BG

Date 9-12-18

Why can't you ban Cell Phone talking. I'm tired of sitting at the fireplace and someone is often talking and "loudly" on their cell phone. What happened Ho Shhhh. Why not tell people they can't talk on their phones in the enclosed entrance when there are benches. Why does my special library

Name time have to be

Yes, I would like a personal response

Telephone Compued.

or E-mail Can't we get away from cell phones for 20 minutes.

Date 8/24/18

GRT

So sorry to see the 'text it to me' feature missing from the new catalog.

Name Liz Nicolai

Yes, I would like a personal response

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or E-mail enicolai99@yahoo.com

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Starting on 2019 and all subsequent years onwards
So nobody will have to again encounter any brother's
sticking feelings, not confusions please bring up a
lunch of an announcement at least a month ahead of
time, so everybody will know when it's the last 9pm
Sunday of the School year, ok?

Dear WPL team -

(KJ)

Thank you for making
BeeBots available! We
enjoyed programming
them with our girls
(who use them in school!).
One suggestion - a list
of "Challenge" ideas
would provide a richer
experience. We looked
some up online and
wanted to suggest this
be included in the box.

Date July 2018

CM

Please offer chilled water

from self-servicing machines.

The water temp is only cool - not cold

Name N. MATTHEW

Yes, I would like a personal response

Telephone _____

or E-mail

nunmatt@comcast.com

Cynthia McMillan

From: Betty Giorgi
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Lisa McDonald; Kathleen O'Laughlin; Ronald Rodgers; Jan Barshis; Dan Johnson; Stuart Wolf; Virginia George
Cc: Gayle Rosenberg Justman; Cynthia McMillan
Subject: FW: library landscaping

Please see below Ms. Adelman's letter to the Board which she has asked me to send to each of you. You may have already received this.

Regards,

Betty

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From: csadel1@aol.com <csadel1@aol.com>
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Subject: library landscaping

Hello Ms. Giorgi: This is an email I just sent to the Wilmette Library Board of Trustees, but I have no idea if they will receive it. Thus, please provide each and every member of the Board with a copy. I also sent a copy to the Little Garden Club of Wilmette.

Thanks. Charlotte Adelman

This email is addressed to the Library Board of Trustees and regards:
<http://www.wilmettelibrary.info/about/library-trustees/board-meetings>

"The purpose of the Public Comment section of the meeting is to provide a time for the Wilmette Public Library District Board of Trustees to listen to comments from the public. Responses to comments will be at the discretion of the President of the Board of Trustees. The policy will apply to monthly Board meetings and committee meetings. Agendas for all Board and committee meetings will include a Public Comment section. There will be a sign-in sheet at all meetings to keep an accurate record of meeting attendees. Wilmette residents and non-residents will be able to make comments. Patrons may submit comments and questions to Library Trustees at any time through the Library website. These questions will be answered in a timely manner via email. To email a question, visit the Board of Trustees page."

The preceding states that comments and questions submitted by patrons to Library Trustees will be answered in a timely manner via email. Because I was unable to locate a spot on the Board of Trustees Page to send a message to the Board, I am sending it here.

Facts: In February 2018 I submitted comments to the Board regarding its plans for landscaping. I emailed the Director and the Board. Regarding the latter, I provided the name of each Board member to ensure each would receive a copy. Others who also submitted February 2018 comments to the Board about landscaping included the Little Garden Club of Wilmette (LGCW) and Bernard Schwartz.

So far, neither a Director nor the Board has replied to Mr. Schwartz. The LGCW and I each received February 2018 responses from the then-director who advised she was forwarding our emails to the Board of Trustees. So far, neither the LGCW nor I received responses from the Board of Trustees.

Q: Why did the Library Trustees decline to answer the comments and offers of help submitted in February 2018 by EMAIL from Mr. Schwartz, me, and the Little Garden Club of Wilmette?

Q: Does the passage of about 7 months (from February 2018 to September 2018) provide adequate time to the Board of Trustees answer 3 emails in a "timely manner"?

Q: Please explain the Board's reasoning for ignoring offers of landscaping help (free of charge) from patrons who are garden and native plant experts.

And, while the Board does this, please review the Landscape Master Plan (Conceptual Master Plan) and determine if any Board members understand it. For example, compare the Plan to the non-existent document that would include not only the existing plants growing on the grounds that are being retained, and not only the new plants that will be installed later (though what they actually are is largely impossible to determine), but includes ALL of the Library's currently existing plants, even those that will not be retained (like the crab apples, the wildflower garden and its individual plants, and the newly planted, apple producing, Apple Tree). It is imperative for the Board to learn, as long as it is involved in landscaping, that documenting existing plants is a necessary feature of ALL responsible landscaping efforts. Why? Because documenting existing plants is necessary to have in order to create an INVENTORY of ALL existing plants, AND an inventory of ALL existing plants is required before embarking on intelligent and responsible landscaping decisions, which, by the way, should be guided by thoughtful, carefully prepared, written Landscaping Principles.

--Intelligent landscaping decisions are based on compliance with written Landscaping Principles – these are the basic and fundamental landscaping principles which the Library Board chose not to develop.

--Responsible landscaping principles are what facilitate "Sustainability" and offsetting "global climate change," which are goals ignored and not achieved by the current landscaping plan.

--Intelligently implementing responsible Landscaping Principles requires possession of an INVENTORY of each and every one of the premise's existing plants. Why?

--- Because Sustainable Landscaping Principles requires RETAINING all existing NATIVE PLANTS and plantings and expanding native plantings, and NOT destroying native plantings, and

--- Sustainable Landscaping Principles require DESTROYING all NONNATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS (NOT retaining them).

---The Board's failure to obtain an INVENTORY of existing plants on the premises is due, in great part, to its refusal, inability, or lack of knowledge and awareness of the well known and common sense reasons for developing WRITTEN LANDSCAPING PRINCIPLES before jumping into expensive landscaping contracts.

--In order to effectuate the Board's desire to implement undefined terms it likes to use, like "sustainable landscaping" requires having written Landscaping Principles and implementing the Principles by obtaining, among other things, an INVENTORY of existing plants on the premises BEFORE APPROVING any landscaping plan.

--The Current Plan that the Library approved, DESTROYS the existing NATIVE PLANTS and RETAINS the existing NONNATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS.

-- Creating and having written Landscaping Principles is necessary to clarify the Library's SUSTAINABLE landscaping goal which presumably include preserving existing CO2 sinks that currently absorb and sequester carbon. The failure to develop written landscaping Principles caused the Library Board to overlook the vital and basic goal of preventing the release of sequestered CO2 into the atmosphere, which is what would occur if the existing Wildflower Garden and other CO2 absorbing and sequestering plantings are destroyed.

If the Board determines that its Board members lack the expertise needed to evaluate and understand the plan, and how the Plan negates the Board's (vague and undefined) goals of "sustainability" and environmentally responsible landscaping, the Board should obtain second and third opinions from any of a number of well known native plant landscapers who possess the necessary environmental credentials, and whose names can be easily supplied.

And, after carefully reviewing its landscaping decisions in the light of its failure to obtain a "master plan" that includes ALL the EXISTING PLANTS, the Board should immediately contact the patrons (me, LGCW) who – based on knowledge and

expertise on the relevant subjects - volunteered to help - free of charge - but whose offers the Board rejected for unstated and inexplicable reasons.

And, as soon as possible, the Board should CANCEL the current Conceptual Master Plan. Then the Board, including all of its members - as each Board member is responsible for budgeting for landscaping - should begin to inform itself about the basic principles of Sustainable Landscaping and their implementation, how much it should reasonably cost, and then do what is required to create intelligent, principled, written landscaping principles, and then - and only then - implement them.

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