

## **HERTHA Report to Elk Rapids Township**

December 6, 2016

Elk Rapids Players completed a very successful run of South Pacific, in spite of the first Sunday's performance cancelled due to Sue Schumaker's broken foot and the second Saturday's performance cancelled due to a power outage. Players welcomed a large turnout at the following Sunday matinee and also held a makeup performance on Monday. Bravo Players!

We await delivery of our new LED stage lights, which were on back order, so will have those installed soon, along with a new heavy duty control cable "snake" to run from the stage to the balcony through the attic. Rob Bachi from Elite Audio will do the installation.

Material for our new window treatments is on order while we further investigate installation options as well as response on our grant request from the DAR. We hope to install the treatments sometime this winter. Sarah Miller and Nancy Gribi are coordinating the project.

At the request of the Rotary Club of Elk Rapids, with assistance from Rotarian Joe Yuchasz, we are putting together a proposal to purchase a digital projection system with an estimate budget of \$14,000. This would include a projector and special zoom lens placed in a security housing in the balcony, along with a 13-foot wide motorized projection screen mounted above the stage. The system would be available for rent for a wide variety of functions and increase our rental opportunities. We will be asking the public and other community groups for support.

At the request of South Pacific director Roxanne Lutey, we are investigating the installation of a canopy for the side door entrance to offer better protection from the elements. Advanced Awning from Williamsburg has provided a concept illustration and cost information this past week. We expect to seek grant funding and donations for this improvement.

Per Supervisor Dorrance Amos' request, we have secured an evaluation of the hall Mansard roof for timeline and replacement cost of roofing side shingles and top membrane. Upon contacting Springfield Roofing, we were referred to Absolute Building Solutions who were highly recommended for installation of shingle roofs, something Springfield does not do. ABS owner Matt Douglass visited the hall last week and determined that side-roof shingles have between three and five years left on them, with the top-roof membrane good for another 10-15 years. He did note that the flat roof on the top of the lobby entrance should also be replaced in three to five years. Estimate for replacing the side-shingles with related work is \$19,688 for Highlander shingles (240 lbs. per square), or \$21,408 for heavier Legacy shingles that contain a copper anti-mold ingredient (275 lb. per square).

*Finally, we invite you all to attend HERTHA's Business After Hours event on Thursday, December 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get together and network!*

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Vranich, President