Introduction of new Recreation Supervisor and Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Manager
Superintendent of Recreation Esposito introduced two new employees of the Glen Ellyn Park District: Jenny Clark, filling the vacant Facility Manager position at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center and the Brianne Henrichs, filling the vacant Recreation Supervisor position overseeing soccer and other athletic and recreation programs. Jenny Clark was previously employed with the Hoffman Estates Park District where she served as the Facility Manager of the Triphahn Center and Brianne Henrichs was previously employed with the St. Louis Arc as the Coordinator of Leisure Services and was a former collegiate soccer player and high school soccer coach. The Park Board of Commissioners welcomed the new employees to the Glen Ellyn Park District.

McKee House Presentation
Members of the McKee preservation group along with Forest Preserve Commissioner, Tim Whalen spoke to the Park Board of Commissioners about the Park District possibly supporting their efforts to preserve and restore the Robert L. McKee house. The McKee House and outbuildings, historic structures built in 1936 by the Work Project Administration, are located at Churchill Woods Forest Preserve and are presently inhabitable and in disrepair. Mr. Whalen discussed the costs of stabilization of the building along with estimated expenses related to the complete restoration and the need for a business plan showing the potential use from public entities in order for the DuPage County Forest Preserve to move forward with preservation of the facility. Mr. Whalen and Ms. Gilbert presented a slide show of the McKee House and discussed the possible uses of the facility including but not limited to a potential outdoor education/interpretive center and rental opportunities. The McKee House supporters were seeking formal support of their efforts to preserve the house but were not requesting financial contribution or commitment of future use. The Park Board of Commissioners emphasized that as well in their follow-up discussion. It was recommended that this be forwarded to the April 14 Regular Board meeting to allow for more discussion.

Glen Ellyn Titans Youth Basketball Donation
Executive Director Harris stated that the Glen Ellyn Titans Youth Basketball organization has approached the Glen Ellyn Park District about contributing towards improvements for the existing outdoor basketball court located on the Main Street Recreation Center site. Titans club president, Joe Cardona and Scott Daniels, a Glen Ellyn resident, previous Titans coach and
executive with SportCourt provided an overview of the ideas, identified funding proposals, and provided a preliminary timeline for implementation should the project receive Board approval. It was established that the ideas presented by the Titans were consistent with the needs identified by the Park District and while the courts are functional they and the surrounding area could benefit with improvements. After Board discussion it was recommended that a final plan be drafted and be presented to the Board for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Turf Bid Results
Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins presented the outcome of the bid results from the bid opening for the “Site Preparation Work for the Newton Park Synthetic Turf Athletic Field”. Hopkins stated that staff, along with Kevin Camino of Eriksson Engineering received proposals from 10 contractors. After discussion from the Board, it was stated that staff will continue to review the proposals in greater detail to determine the lowest qualified and responsible bidder and make a formal recommendation to the Board at the March 17th meeting.

Landscape Services Bid Results
Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins presented the outcome of the bid results for the bid opening for Landscape Maintenance Services for 2015. Hopkins stated that contracted services for certain areas of our Park District allow Parks staff to expend additional time and effort towards areas requiring higher maintenance and specialized care including athletic field preparation and maintenance, facility repairs, inspections, events, tournaments, and improved/increased weekend coverage during the majority of spring, summer and fall seasons. After brief discussion from the Board, it was stated that staff will review the proposals in greater detail to determine the lowest qualified and responsible bidder and make a formal recommendation to the Board at the March 17th meeting.