CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
The agenda was adjusted as a courtesy to the Field Hockey volunteers who were being recognized and had a previously scheduled 7:30 p.m. commitment. Additionally, the PBL presentation was advanced to an earlier time as well. After which, the meeting proceeded in order.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – FIELD HOCKEY
The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Mary Beth Bletsas, Gail Bode and Katie Cairns for their volunteer efforts and dedication to the Glen Ellyn Park District. Mary Beth, Gail and Katie have been instrumental in helping to grow the sport of Field Hockey within the Glen Ellyn Community. Since this Park District program began, these volunteers have dedicated countless hours working with staff, coaches, players and parents to provide a quality experience for girls and boys of Glen Ellyn. The program has grown from 32 sixth grade girls back in 2003 to currently 165 first through twelfth grade girls and boys. Mary Beth, Gail and Katie have given their time and talent without hesitation and have helped with not only the overall administration of the program but have taken on various roles such as coordination of practices, games, clinics, marketing the program and expanding the program. The Board of Commissioners presented a small token of their appreciation for all of their dedication in providing a solid foundation and for their volunteerism to the Glen Ellyn Field Hockey program, the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Glen Ellyn community.

CHURCHILL PROBLEM BASED LEARNING (PBL) PRESENTATION
Third grade students from Churchill Elementary School in Glen Ellyn School District 41 presented their solutions to a Problem Based Learning (PBL) assignment that was given to them back in the fall of 2014. The problem posed to them was to find a solution for the flooding of Churchill Park Trails. The students stated that the best solution was the use of native plants with a preference for wet soil and a long root system. The students each gave a brief report of various native plants that could be planted within the area to help diminish the flooding of the trails. After the slideshow presentation the students answered questions from the Park Board of Commissioners.

The Park Board of Commissioners was very complimentary of the presentation and the recommendations provided by the third grade students of Churchill Elementary School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Several members of the public voiced their concerns regarding the installation of Artificial Turf at Newton Park. Members stated their environmental concerns of artificial turf and requested more studies to be completed and/or for the field to be returned back to natural grass.
PLATFORM REPORT
Superintendent of Recreation Esposito presented a season recap of the 2014-2015 Platform Tennis Program. Esposito highlighted the changes and improvements experienced this past season as well as some of this season’s achievements that occurred within the program. They included a 16% growth in membership with the largest increase occurring within the women’s classification, the addition of the new part-time Platform Tennis Professional, Laura Berendt, and the expansion of the pass to be a twelve month pass rather than an eight month membership along with the many new events and socials that took place. Finally, recommendations for the next season included continuing to collaborate with the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (G.E.P.T.C.) on determining capital needs, maintaining the current adult membership rate, reducing the youth membership fee to try to encourage growth in that area and possibly creating a family membership.

Superintendent Esposito remarked that the program continues to thrive with our community as it provides an excellent winter recreational activity and the program contributes to the diverse and varied recreational offerings of the Park District. The Park District is very proud of the program, the facility and the strong partnership with the GEPTC.