VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – LAKE ELLYN CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA VOLUNTEERS

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Jim Craig, Jim Owens and Dave Pugsley for their long-time participation and volunteer services for the annual Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta. Commissioner Mayo stated that their passion, creativity and commitment have been instrumental in the continued success of the Park District’s largest and most unique annual special event. It was stated that the Cardboard Regatta started as a small, niche event to now serving as the opening production for the annual Fourth of July celebration in Glen Ellyn. Jim Craig and Jim Owens have helped to contribute some of the largest and most creative boats to the event. Over the years the duo have constructed over 11 boats consisting of extreme details, using over 80 gallons of glue, countless sheets of cardboard and expending over 3000 hours of labor. Their creations have included boats that look like guitars, a Harley Davidson motorcycle and a Dewalt power tool to name a few. In addition to their participation Jim Craig and Jim Owens have also volunteered their time to teach at the Park District boat building seminars each spring while still serving as judges and boat inspectors at the event.

Dave Pugsley has volunteered at the Regatta for the last 3 years and was the commodore of the 2015 Cardboard Regatta. He hosted the event this year expressing his humor and enthusiasm, coordinating the races, interviewing boat owners and spectators and transforming the day from an event to a regatta.

Commissioner Mayo and staff stated it has been a privilege to get to know these men over the past 12 years. Their combined experience, enthusiasm, and volunteerism for the Glen Ellyn Park District are commendable and appreciated by the participants, spectators and staff.

UPPER NEWTON FIELD SITE PREPARATION PAYOUT REQUEST #2

Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins discussed the status of the upper Newton Field site preparation and the timeline of the project. Hopkins stated that due to the continual effects of the weather the project is approximately 2-3 weeks behind schedule but hopes to have the field and surrounding area ready in time for the Golden Eagles Jamboree on August 15th. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the project and steps yet to be completed and approved the Newton Park Synthetic Turf Payout Request #2 to Hoppy’s Landscaping in the amount of $158,712.75.

APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS’ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani discussed that pursuant to the Citizens’ Finance Committee (CFC) bylaws, the Park District Board of Commissioners shall approve annually, by a majority vote, the members of the Citizens’ Finance Committee. Cinquegrani then presented the slate consisting of staggered two-year terms to the Board. After a brief discussion the Park Board of Commissioners approved the members as presented. The Board then thanked those candidates who have previously served on the committee, Bill Hupp, Art Schultz and Chris Veldman and looked forward to the new candidates that will be presented at the August 4th Workshop Meeting.