Call to Order
President Minogue called the Workshop Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., immediately following the Special Meeting.

Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call those answering present were Commissioners Schoen, Dallman, Jourdan, Taylor, Aubrey, Hess and President Minogue.

Staff members present were Executive Director Atwell, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Executive Assistant Sesto, Communications & Marketing Supervisor Talenco, Superintendent of Parks Scarmardo and Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Woods. Attorney Adams was also present.

Changes to the Agenda
None

Public Participation
Ms. Catherine Galvin, 31 Briar, addressed the Board saying she felt it would be an appropriate opportunity to thank the outgoing Commissioners. Ms. Galvin felt they faced difficulty and adversity during a contentious campaign and they all maintained their dignity and integrity throughout. No one will ever be able to hold a candle to them and they are true role models for all.

For Commissioner Schoen, she felt his contributions to the landscape of Glen Ellyn Park District were too numerous to mention but thanked him especially for his vision and foresight as President during the Maryknoll acquisition. His efforts to protect and preserve Maryknoll will be a benefit for generations yet to come.

For Commissioners Jourdan and Taylor she felt they went above and beyond in everything they did for the kids and the community. She thanked them and Commissioner Aubrey for making the extra effort and trip to Springfield to obtain the additional funding for Village Green. Seeing the final result and recent dedication made her proud that the community had such talented and dedicated volunteers.

Also for Commissioner Taylor, he was on the Board for three years before she and her friend knew him as anything other than Hootie’s dad at the Dog Park. He has always been a genuine and humble leader and will be missed.

Ms. Galvin thanked them all and wished the best of luck.

Commissioners Taylor, Jourdan and Schoen thanked Ms. Galvin for her comments.

President Minogue announced that the Board and staff would now recognize the outgoing Commissioners.

Superintendent Scarmardo introduced Parks Department employees James Warnstedt, Jim Rafferty and Paul Pitts. Superintendent Scarmardo wanted Commissioners Schoen, Jourdan and Taylor to know how thankful the Parks Department was for their support and appreciated everything they had done. He presented them with a gift certificate that Parks Department employees chipped in on.
Parks Foreman Warnstedt thanked Commissioners Schoen, Jourdan and Taylor for their service saying they had done a great job and it had been a pleasure working with them.

Superintendent Esposito introduced employees Cathy Yocum, Finance Assistant, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Defiglia and former intern Kathryn Wendland. The Recreation staff wanted Commissioners Schoen, Jourdan and Taylor to know how much they will be missed.

Director Atwell explained that staff had put together a photo album for each outgoing Commissioner with pictures of them at numerous events and functions and each album had a personalized thank you from the Board and staff.

Commissioner Dallman commented that it had been great working with the three Commissioners, in particular Senior Citizen of the Year Keith Schoen. He learned a lot from him despite the disagreements they may have had from time to time.

President Minogue commented that it had been an honor to work with Commissioners Schoen, Taylor and Jourdan.

Commissioner Jourdan commented that it had been a great experience and he will miss the Board and staff.

Commissioner Hess commented that it really had been an honor and very rewarding working with the outgoing Commissioners. He thanked Commissioners Schoen, Jourdan and Taylor saying they had been more than honorable and he appreciated all their time and volunteer effort.

Commissioner Taylor thanked the Board and staff and wished the new board members nothing but the best of luck and success.

Oath of Office - Inauguration of Commissioners
Secretary Sesto administered the Oath of office to newly elected Commissioners Ron Aubrey, Melissa Creech, Jay Kinzler and Julia Nephew.

Commissioners welcomed Commissioners Creech, Kinzler and Nephew to the Park Board.

Pay Request #6 for Ackerman Sports Complex Project
Superintendent Scarmardo presented Ackerman Sports Complex Project Pay Request #6, in the amount of $528,604.88. Superintendent Scarmardo reported progress on the project has been outstanding. The majority of the interior masonry walls have been completed to accept the precast flooring over the batting cage area. The electrical rough-in continues and several runs have been installed throughout the facility. Temporary power has been installed throughout the building, the sprinkler system piping has been installed over the basketball court and the rooftop screening hiding the HVAC units has been installed.

Previously the Board approved additional expenditures for the Spancrete and windows above the batting cages. The additional expenses were necessary per Village fire code as well as to allow viewing into the multi-purpose practice area from the workout facility. The additional expense totaled $57,900 and will be included in a future contractor’s sworn statement when the work has been completed. To date there has been additional costs of $134,550.84 due to bad soils and winter condition costs.

Pay Request #6 was for work completed on site work/excavation, concrete work, masonry electrical design, HVAC design, steel fabrication, steel erection and professional services for Professional Building Services.
Superintendent Scarmardo recommended the Board place approval of Pay Request #6, in the amount of $528,604.88, on the May 19 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Commissioner Dallman asked if the project was ahead of schedule.

Superintendent Scarmardo explained that the drop dead date for project completion is December 22 but at this point he felt it could be completed a month ahead of time.

With construction in place, Commissioner Dallman asked if there had been any parking problems on Saturdays when so many soccer games are going on.

Superintendent Scarmardo said that there had not been a lot of Saturday work and the contractors know that if they do work on a Saturday they are to park in the west end of the upper parking lot.

Commissioner Hess commented that the facade going up on the northeast corner looked very nice.

The Board agreed to place formal approval of Pay Request #6, in the amount of $528,604.88, on the May 19 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

**Earthwerks, Inc. Village Green Park Project Pay Request #8**
Superintendent Scarmardo presented Earthwerks, Inc. 8th pay request for work completed on the Village Green Park project. The pay request reflected payment for site work, bench installation and labor to install landscaping materials as well as ballfield surface and mix on the three new baseball fields.

Superintendent Scarmardo recommended, and the Board agreed, to place approval of Earthwerks, Inc. Pay Request #8, in the amount of $27,819.00, on the May 19 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

**Election of Officers**

**Vice President**
Commissioner Aubrey nominated Commissioner Hess for the office of Vice President. Commissioner Dallman seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commissioner Aubrey, to close the nominations.  *Motion Carried*

*Vote to Elect Commissioner Hess as Vice President*

**Aye:** Commissioners Aubrey, Dallman, Nephew, Creech, Kinzler, Hess and President Minogue
**Nay:** None

**Treasurer**
Commissioner Dallman nominated Commissioner Aubrey for the office of Treasurer. Commissioner Hess seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commissioner Hess, to close the nominations.  *Motion Carried*

*Vote to Elect Commissioner Aubrey as Treasurer*

**Aye:** Commissioners Dallman, Hess, Kinzler, Aubrey, Creech, Nephew and President Minogue
**Nay:** None
**Matters from Staff**
Superintendent Scarmardo reported the climbing wall for the Ackerman Sports Complex will be delivered on May 8 or 9.

**Matters from Commissioners**
Commissioner Nephew thanked Commissioners for their welcome and said she was glad to be on the Board.

Commissioner Dallman felt the Village Green Park ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday was fantastic. The weather was great and the park looked gorgeous. He thanked staff for putting it all together.

Commissioner Creech thanked everyone who came out for the swearing in ceremony and appreciated all the family who were able to come. She thanked the Board and was looking forward to working with them and the staff.

Commissioner Kinzler thanked everyone for coming out and welcoming them. He gave special thanks to Keith Schoen, Jeff Jourdan and Bill Taylor. He wants to know everything about the Park District from the bottom up, wants to be a hands-on Commissioner and that is what his plans are for the future.

Commissioners Nephew, Creech and Kinzler offered topics for discussion at future meetings. These included Commissioner Nephew suggesting renovating the Boathouse, Commissioner Creech suggesting the Board look into taping the meetings and putting more documents on the Park District’s website and inventorying the number of fields and rooms the Park District has and how each are used; and Commissioner Kinzler wants to work on field usage and utilization.

Commissioner Aubrey stated he had the opportunity to participate in the first Churchill Park Restoration Workday. He brought his family and Girl Scouts and a rugby team also participated. The process has started and you can now actually see the woods come alive. Renee Frigo is leading the restoration project and is working very hard with the schools to build curriculum and awareness in an educational way.

He had the pleasure to go to T.C.D. to look at the progress of building the two Safety Village buildings. Bells & Whistles is almost done and the Boathouse will start later in the week. Both should be done by the end of the month and will be in the 4th of July Parade.

Commissioner Hess commented that the ribbon cutting ceremony at Village Green Park was great and it was nice to see the culmination of all the effort and planning put into the project. The park now is truly being utilized to its fullest extent and everyone will enjoy it. He thanked former Commissioners Schoen, Jourdan and Taylor for all their efforts and hours they put in as a volunteer on the Board.

Commissioner Hess had read comments in the newspapers during the election campaign and asked what was meant by one that said, “I think a lot of people are frustrated that the Park District has not listened to them. There is a disconnect between people in the community and the current Board.”

Commissioner Kinzler responded that in the 2005 survey the public was asked their interest in 13 projects. Number 13 was an indoor facility at Ackerman and that is what is being done. People felt they had told the Park District they didn’t want one and wanted open space.

Commissioner Hess responded that the ultimate feedback from the public is a vote on a referendum. The Park District put the facility in Ackerman Park out to referendum, detailing where the building was going to go, what it was going to be used for and how many programs would be able to use it. The public voted and the referendum passed.
Commissioner Creech commented that the people did vote for the referendum and it was clearly stated that the Ackerman building was on of the three issues. Her concern was that the Board made the decision when going to referendum what projects to choose. When talking about a disconnect, if you look at the survey of 13 capital improvement projects the one chosen was the one the fewest people wanted.

Commissioner Hess commented that the Park District does not own basketball courts. The small court at Main Street cannot be considered a basketball court. As for more open space, the Park District has purchased land on Lenox Road, adjacent to the west side of Ackerman Park.

Another comment, made by Commissioner Nephew, was “making sure money was truly being spent where it is truly needed and not on pet projects.” He asked what pet projects she was thinking of.

Commissioner Nephew said she could not think of a pet project but when she spoke with voters they would use that phrase on various things. Sometimes it was because they live near a park and they would mention some particular project that they didn’t feel made a lot of sense or didn’t feel enough people benefitted from it.

Commissioner Hess commented that one of the things the new Commissioners will experience is the fact that whenever they do a project by any park, they get the people who live near the park that they don’t want to see anything done. People want to live next to a park but never want to see it change.

Commissioner Kinzler commented that he and Commissioners Creech and Nephew looked at the budget very carefully and noticed that just the natural gas bill alone for platform tennis wasn’t covered by the dues charged for the number of people who use it. He asked how the Board came to the conclusion to spend money on platform tennis.

Commissioner Hess responded that there were many meetings where the Board discussed platform tennis. Many programs don’t cover their costs. If the Board looked at the bottom line on all programs many of the senior programs would be gone.

Commissioner Hess thanked Commissioners Creech, Kinzler and Nephew for their comments saying those were the questions he wanted to get out and he was truly trying to see what input the three received while campaigning.

President Minogue commented that she thought the future Board meetings would be very interesting. She felt Village Green Park was a dream that has come true and is better than she could ever imagine. It has the feeling of being much bigger yet has more in it.

**Adjourn**
There being no further business, at 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Dallman moved, seconded by Commissioner Hess, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting. *Motion Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Sesto
Board Secretary