Call to Order
President Creech called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call those answering present were Commissioners Aubrey, Nephew, Mayo, Dunn and President Creech. Commissioner Kinzler arrived at 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Cornell was absent.

Staff members present were Director Harris, Superintendent of Parks Scarmardo, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Communication & Marketing Supervisor Talenco, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Desfiglia, Executive Assistant Wendland, and Parks Foreman Cannaday. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance
President Creech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda
None.

Public Participation
None.

Voucher List of Bills Totaling $148,655.92
Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Mayo, to approve the voucher list of bills totaling $245,441.42 reflecting the increase of $96,785.50 for the check request for MC Building Inc.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioner Dunn, Mayo, Aubrey, Nephew, and President Creech.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Spring Avenue Dog Park
Superintendent Scarmardo addressed the Board about the recent petition that was circulated by permitted and non-permitted users of the Spring Avenue Dog Park requesting that the Park District fence off the north entrance of the dog park. He explained the pros and cons of fencing off the dog park, along with additional costs for upkeep on a swipe card system, along with the approximate cost of installing fencing, the gate, and swipe card system.

Mr. Ed Heil, 217 North Montclair, addressed the Board on the reasons why the Park District should install a swipe card system.
Mr. Tom Pyrdek, 860 Valley, addressed the Board regarding the cost of installing a gate, and explained that people do not generally have an issue with their dogs at the dog park, and that dog park people generally police themselves.

Mr. Andrzej Righetti, 21W461 Fairway, thanked the Board for the question and answer session regarding the enclosure of the dog park, and would like to see the park fenced off.

Ms. Anne Zeidman, 354 Cumnor, addressed the Board regarding the prior history of the dog park, a she would not like to see the park completely enclosed.

Ms. Jennifer Jacobson, 633 West Wilson, addressed the Board stating she is the one who started the petition and has several people tell her that they would like to see the dog park fenced off.

Mr. John Hall, 720 Hill, addressed the Board about why the Park District should enclose the dog park, and a good reason is to enclose it is to protect owners and their dogs.

Ms. Sue Johansen, 662 Highview, explained that she is a dog trainer and stated that there would be no issues with dogs becoming territorial by enclosing the dog park, and it would bring more families into the dog park if it was enclosed.

Ms. Janet Herzog, 229 Woodstock, told the Board that she has caught dogs from the dog park near her home, and she would like to see the dog park completely fenced in.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of enclosing the dog park, along with having an age limit put into place for children.

The Board thanked everyone for coming out to address this topic.

The directed staff to place this item on the December 20th, Regular Meeting Agenda.

2012 Proposed Budget
Superintendent Cinquegrani presented the Board with the latest modifications to the operating budget along with the revisions that were made to the Capital Projects Fund.

Director’s Report
Superintendent Scarmardo presented the Board with information regarding ice grooming equipment. He went through and explained the different options that were available to help with ice grooming, along with cost of each piece of equipment.

The Board directed staff to look for other possible funding sources, such as partnering with local community groups.

Director Harris updated the Board regarding the high water bill at Sunset Pool, and stated that staff is continuing to look into the reasons why there was such a large increase in water use this year.
**Commissioner’s Report**
Commissioner Aubrey addressed the Board and staff to let them know that Shop with a Cop had approximately 100 police officers in attendance. There were plenty of volunteers in attendance to help. He thanked staff for their help with the preparation for the event.

Commissioner Dunn stated that he would like to see funds budgeted for continuing education conferences for staff.

President Creech announced that restoration on the south pond at Maryknoll has been completed with the exception of some plantings that will be completed in the spring.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**
At 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 11 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation, or probable and imminent litigation which shall be specifically identified in the executive session minutes.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Dunn, Nephew, Aubrey, Mayo and President Creech. Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*

**Reconvene the Workshop Meeting**
The Workshop Meeting reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

**Adjourn**
There being no further business Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 9:48 p.m.

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Wendland
Board Secretary