Call to Order
President Creech called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll, call those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Kinzler, Mayo, and President Creech. Commissioner Aubrey arrived at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Dunn was absent

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Marketing & Communications Supervisor Talenco, Executive Assistant Wendland, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Defiglia and Facility Manager Kroger.

Pledge of Allegiance
President Creech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda
President Creech announced the addition of Commissioner’s Report to the Agenda.

Public Participation
None.

Consent Agenda
Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Kinzler, Nephew, Mayo, and President Creech.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Truth and Taxation Hearing for the 2012 Tax Levy
President Creech opened the Truth and Taxation hearing for the 2012 tax levy, for comments from the public.

There being no comments from the public Commissioner Mayo moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to close the truth and taxation public hearing for the 2012 tax levy.
Roll Call:
Aye: Commissioners Mayo, Kinzler, Nephew, and President Creech.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business
Lake Ellyn Master Plan – Lenox Road
Director Harris introduced David Yocca of CDF to present additional information regarding the Lenox Road reconstruction in relation to the Lake Ellyn Park master plan.

Mr. Yocca provided the Board with five priorities to present to the Village. The items included; preserving existing trees; improve pedestrian safety and comfort; minimize pavement surface; enhance environment/Lake Ellyn ecology; and maximize community benefits.

Mr. Yocca introduced Mr. Todd Fagan a traffic engineer. He explained that while Mr. Fagan was a traffic expert, he was here as a favor to CDF and had not been retained by CDF nor the Park District.

Mr. James Buford, 674 Essex Road, mentioned that he has attended prior meetings and stated that people do not want to change Lenox Road, and also believed consideration should be made towards Essex Road as it is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2014.

Mr. Reis Kayser, 721 Lenox Road, inquired about angle parking versus parallel.

Mr. Fagan explained that most research says that angled parking may be slightly more dangerous but each situation is different and it is difficult to state one is significantly more dangerous than another. With either parallel parking or angled parking if it is designed properly it can be safe.

Mr. Kayser stated that the road is near a high school, and mentioned that to his knowledge there have been no accidents on Lenox Road. He said that if it’s not broken then don’t fix it. He also is concerned that the Village has interest to install angled parking continuously from Hawthorne to Essex. This would be done after the trees die that would be located in the “islands.”

Commissioner Kinzler stepped out at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

Ms. Carolyn Oesterle, 645 Lake Road, she wanted to know how the Village would effectively narrow Lenox Road, and if angled parking was installed how many feet into the park would the spaces have to go.

Mr. Yocca said that the parking spaces would go approximately 11 feet into the park.

Ms. Oesterle said that she is having trouble picturing all of this and would like to see more specifics.
Mr. Yocca said that he does not have enough specific information and data to perform a complete design.

Mr. Kirk Burger, 755 Willis Street, commended the Board for not wanting to have additional parking. He was cautious about angled parking and did not support it as he compared Lenox Road to Crescent Boulevard in front of the high school and Memorial Field.

Mr. Bon French, 692 Lenox Road, inquired as to what a speed table was.

Mr. Yocca explained that it is a more gradual speed bump which raises the pavement to the elevation of the sidewalk, the sloping part is generally a contrasting color, and the speed table would be at Lenox and Linden.

Ms. Holy French, 692 Lenox Road, stated that safety is an issue; it is a distracted driver area with the playground and high school.

Mr. Tom Koprowski, 744 Willis Street, asked the District to consider what had happened on Crescent and does not understand why the Village is considering angled parking.

The Board agreed to the priorities and conceptual plan identified below to be presented to the Village of Glen Ellyn for consideration as the plans for Lenox Road reconstruction are formulated. The priorities and concepts are as follows:

**Lenox Road Priorities**

**I. Preserve existing trees**
The Park Board recommends taking all possible measures to protect, preserve, and maintain existing healthy, mature trees along Lenox Road, and accommodate additional trees over time.

  a) Design the roadway improvements to preserve and protect all healthy trees;
  b) Maximize root zone volume with appropriate space and growing conditions for existing and future trees;
  c) Retain a certified arborist for the street reconstruction project;
  d) Plan for tree protection and take appropriate measures such as root pruning and careful demolition of existing street infrastructure in cooperation with arborist;
  e) Carefully monitor the ongoing work during the project to protect trees and ensure long term tree health.

**II. Improve pedestrian safety and comfort**
The Park Board recommends that improvements to Lenox Road prioritize the safety and convenience of neighborhood residents and park visitors that are walking and/or cycling to and from the park.

  a) Install a sidewalk/trail along the entire length of Lenox Road on east side through western edge of park; locate the path and construct it with materials that help protect
and maintain the root zone of existing trees, i.e. permeable pavers, careful grade adjustments, meandering alignment, etc.;

b) Delineate specific pedestrian crosswalks from western side of Lenox into park at Essex Road, Linden Street, and Hawthorne Street, and mid-block north and south of Linden Street.

c) Consider and integrate traffic calming measures, including the possible use of a “speed table” at the intersection of Linden Street and Lenox Road. This could be done in a way that improves this location as the primary pedestrian access point for the park.

d) Consider the use of other measures to help limit the speed (and increase driver reaction time) throughout the entire roadway, including visually narrowing the roadway corridor, both pavement and vertical edges (additional trees, curb extensions, and signage, and lighting can all contribute to this);

e) Consider the use of a high-performance unit pavement system for the street for multiple benefits- a textured surface can help calm traffic speeds, and differentiation of the pavement of the roadway through lanes (color, texture) from the on-street parking spaces can further calm vehicular movement.

III. Minimize Pavement Surface

The Park Board recommends the roadway surface area be limited to the degree possible while accommodating accessibility for people of all abilities.

a) Narrow the roadway (through-lanes) to the degree possible. Delineate separate, adjacent parking spaces, either parallel and/or angled; angled spaces will allow for a longer stretch of the narrowed roadway edge to be landscape/tree zone if the same number of parking spaces are retained;

b) Define the parking spaces with curb extensions at crosswalks;

c) Maintain on-street parking without an increase in total parking capacity;

d) Provide additional handicap parking near the main park entrance (we will retain several disabled parking spaces near the Boathouse).

IV. Enhance environment/Lake Ellyn ecology

The Park Board recommends the reconstruction of Lenox Road be done in a way that supports the health and ecological quality of Lake Ellyn, and serves as a demonstration of best strategies in Green Street practices.

a) Slow, cool, cleanse, and infiltrate rainwater from the roadway surface to minimize direct surface water runoff into the inlets leading directly to the lake;

b) Consider the use of permeable pavement for the street and walkway surfaces;

c) Consider the use of integrate bioretention- bioswales and rain gardens- these could be carefully working into the parkway and park edge in a way that is harmonious with the Park District’s long-term approach for the park landscape;

d) Use environmental friendly materials that can be maintained year round and have a long life.
V. Maximize Community Benefits
The Park Board recommends consideration of other elements to improve the neighborhood, based in part upon citizen input we have received in our master planning process.
   a) Please consider adding street trees along the western side of Lenox Road, there are large stretches with no parkway trees currently;
   b) Please consider burying power lines.

Conceptual Plan Includes:
- Effectively narrowing Lenox Road with parking spaces delineated separately from through lanes
- Angled parking strategically placed between Hawthorne and Linden while preserving existing trees
- Parallel parking strategically placed between Linden and Essex while preserving existing trees
- Speed table at the intersection of Linden and Lenox
- Sections of reduced overall pavement width from Hawthorne to Essex where recessed parallel or angled parking is not located. This further improves traffic calming along Lenox Road
- Designated handicap parking on Lenox near Linden south of the main park entrance
- Delineated mid-block crosswalks (one at mid-point between Hawthorne and Linden, and one at mid-point between Linden and Essex)
- Meandering pathway along the west side of Lake Ellyn Park near Lenox Road
- Implementing “green” practices including permeable pavement and bioretention

Approve 2012 Tax Levy – Ordinance 12-06
Commissioner Nephew moved seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to approve Ordinance #12-06 “an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the year 2012”.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Nephew, Kinzler, Aubrey, Cornell, Mayo, and President Creech.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

2013 Budget Discussion – Recreation
Superintendent Esposito presented a summary and review of the proposed budgets for Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center, Sunset Pool, Main Street Recreation Center, Spring Avenue Recreation Center, Maryknoll Park and Lake Ellyn Boathouse.

The Board discussed charge backs in the Recreation fund for Ackerman along with personal training expenses, utility costs and the possibility of allowing Glen Ellyn seniors to have a free walking track pass.
Superintendent Hopkins stepped out at 9:20 p.m. and returned at 9:23 p.m.

The Board discussed how scholarship revenue affects pool pass memberships along with the sale of coupon books.

The Board discussed rental fees at Main Street and Spring Avenue. The Board concluded by discussing merit increases and overall philosophy and process for determining.

**New Business**

None.

**Director’s Report**

Facility Manager Kroger announced that Ackerman will be open Thanksgiving Day from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. also that morning, two complimentary fitness classes will be offered provided the participant donates a canned good. There will be open gyms Friday through Sunday, and the facility will be open its regular hours Friday through Sunday as well.

Superintendent Esposito announced that the Turkey Trot will be held on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Lake Ellyn Boathouse.

**Commissioner’s Report**

Commissioner Aubrey thanked the Park District for the Daddy Daughter gifts and announced that Shop with a Cop is coming up.

Commissioner Cornell thanked staff for the open house at Lake Ellyn boathouse.

Commissioner Nephew also thanked staff for the open house.

Commissioner Kinzler thanked staff for their efforts for the 2013 proposed budget.

President Creech said that she visited a 3rd grade class at Lincoln School regarding geese in the parks. The students were concerned about geese droppings and provided excellent ideas to improve the situation.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

At 10:04 p.m. Commissioner Mayo moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 1 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Mayo, Kinzler, Aubrey, Cornell, Nephew, and President Creech.*

*Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*
Reconvene the Regular Meeting
The regular meeting reconvened at 10:54 p.m.

Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Wendland
Board Secretary