I. Call to Order  
Vice President Mayo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners  
Upon roll, call those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Creech, Mayo, Pierce, and Dunn. Commissioner Nephew arrived at 7:06 p.m. President Kinzler arrived at 8:32 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Parks Hopkins, and Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray, Executive Assistant Wendland and Recreation Supervisor Robinson.

III. Pledge of Allegiance  
Vice President Mayo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda  
Item 7A will be tabled until a future Board meeting.

V. Public Participation  
None.

VI. Consent Agenda  
Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the minutes from August 20, 2013 and September 3, 2013.

Roll Call:  
Aye: Commissioners Creech, Dunn, Cornell, Mayo, and Pierce.  
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business  
B. Community Park Joint Commission Termination  
Director Harris explained to the Board that in 1981, the Glen Ellyn Park District, Carol Stream Park District and the Wheaton Park District formed the ‘Community Joint Park Commission’ (“Commission”) to operate and maintain a 68 acre tract of land owned by the Village of Carol Stream. The intention was for the three Districts to manage this large open space that could provide recreation benefits to not only Carol Stream residents but was close enough in proximity to serve Glen Ellyn and Wheaton. The lease between the “Commission” and the
Village of Carol Stream for the park property terminated in January, 2013. At that time it was mutually decided that the partnership would cease as the property was almost serving exclusively Carol Stream residents thus ending the need for the “Commission”.

Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to approve ‘Acknowledgement of Commission Termination’ in regards to the Community Park Joint Commission.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Dunn, Nephew, Cornell, Creech, and Mayo. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business
A. Ackerman Park Master Plan Presentation
Director Harris explained that the first draft of the Ackerman Park master plan has been provided for tonight’s meeting with the majority of tonight’s plan focused on the long-term improvements. Director Harris introduced Keith Demchinski from Norris Design.

Mr. Demchinski presented the initial schematic design to the Board, and stated he would be meeting with staff and various stakeholder groups to further refine the plan before bring it back in front of the Park Board. Demchinski reviewed the schematic layout of the soccer fields while providing a usage analysis of how the fields are currently being used.

The proposal included plans for both fall and spring usage which detailed open space, new trails providing connectivity of the various elements throughout the park; soccer fields, two (2) relocated softball fields, additional parking; way finding signs and natural areas. The schematic also included a possible trail connection to the Great Western Trail; a possible addition of an indoor pool at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center and two concepts for future use of the Lennox Road property including a dog park and athletic field. Demchinski also reviewed a preliminary drainage plan, the use of permeable pavers, bioswales and rain gardens. The proposed phasing of the project was addressed for the implementation of these items along with potential cost.

The Board discussed at length the new layouts of the soccer fields and the possibility of removing some soccer fields, along with the installation of new and improved lighting throughout the park. The Board also suggested additional paths throughout the park and the protection of the wetlands that is located in the park. Board comments included preserving softball fields, shelters on upper and lower Ackerman, utilizing Lenox Road property for active athletic space, restroom facility at upper Ackerman possible off of existing facility, researching a running track, putting fitness equipment along walking trail, including existing Ackerman Wood’s trails within plans, attention to natural areas and “no-mow” zones.

Director Harris mentioned that the Lakers Soccer organization has recently approached the District informally and mentioned that they will be presenting a proposal regarding the
installation of turf at lower Ackerman. In anticipation of our meeting with the Lakers, Norris Design will be reviewing that possibility.

B. District #87 Intergovernmental Agreement Update
Director Harris distributed the updated financials for turfing Newton, which included a revised financial forecast, along with additional information on lighting.

The Board reviewed the financial projections and discussed how much District #87 may be willing to contribute to the project and how the contributions would work. The Board discussed which agreement would the new agreement be replacing and the fees the Park District could possibly charge for the use of Village Green.

The Board discussed the possibility of renting the turf field and the amount of revenue that could be raised, along with the days the school district would be willing to accept for use of the turf field.

Director Harris explained that the first draft of the I.G.A. has been presented to Park District staff for review, and the next draft should be presented to the Board for their review and comments. Director Harris stated that should this idea continue to move forward, the Park District will need to engage a civil engineer to provide further analysis and information. In the meantime staff will be meeting with the Village and get their insight and direction as well.

IX. Director’s Report
Director Harris reported Poochapalooza recently took place and it was an outstanding event with great attendance. Fall classes including preschool have gotten off to a great start. Finally, while the staff has been working on the budget for a few months, information will start being presented to the Board over the next several Board meetings.

Superintendent Esposito introduced the new Marketing and Communications Supervisor Courtney O’Kray to the Board.

X. Commissioner’s Report
Commissioner Cornell said that Director Harris provided a nice presentation last night at the Village meeting that she attended, regarding the Lenox Road reconstruction.

Commissioner Nephew stated that she also attended the Village meeting last night, and said that the Village Trustees seem to be receptive to the ideas that were presented by the Park District.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session
At 9:21 p.m. Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, 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, Creech, Nephew, Cornell, Mayo, Pierce, and President Kinzler.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

XII. Return to Open Session
The regular meeting reconvened at 10:08 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Wendland
Board Secretary