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 Nephew, Creech, Mayo, Pierce and Dunn. President Kinzler arrived at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:18 p.m.

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

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

IV. Changes to the Agenda
None.

V. Public Participation
The Board of Commissioners and the Glen Ellyn Park District expressed their appreciation and recognized the Lightning Running Club along with their volunteers for their efforts and congratulated the runners for their dedication, commitments and achievements in 2013.

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

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Unfinished Business
A. Ackerman Park Master Plan – 85 % Complete
Director Harris provided a brief introduction and explained how the Ackerman Park master plan came to fruition. Director Harris introduced Keith Demchinski of Norris Design.
Mr. Demchinski explained that the master plan is 85% complete. Mr. Demchinski reviewed the layout of Ackerman Park and how the park has been developed and what the master plan is going to incorporate into the new layout of Ackerman Park. He went on to break down the phasing for implementation of the Ackerman master plan which included potentially two additional turf fields if outside funding became available.

Mr. Demchinski introduced Lauren Jennison of Norris Design, who provided an overview of how the restoration of the Ackerman Woods along with other natural areas within or near Ackerman Park could take place. Lastly, Mr. Demchinski reviewed how funding could be raised for the Ackerman park master plan.

The Board thanked Mr. Demchinski for the presentation, and asked for any public comment on the Ackerman Park master plan.

Mr. Jeff Cooper, 22W111 Glenrise Court, addressed the Board and stated that he used to come to prior Board meetings, and that the Ackerman master plan brought back a bad taste in his mouth. He feels that he and his neighbors are in the way of the master plan. He is not comfortable with the plan including the installation of a turf field along with his other concern of the possible installation of an aquatic center. He is concerned that the Park District may issue bonds again; he is also concerned about the possibility of having a shelter in the north end of the park, because of the possible trouble that could occur.

Mr. Rob Pieper, 503 Ridgewood Avenue, stated that people in this community deserve nice facilities, he explained that there are only certain areas that could be in use for seven months, and that he would really like to see an indoor pool put in and he is willing to pay the additional cost if the Park District were to go to referendum, and understands how important this facility would be to the people in the community.

Mr. Dan Williams, 924 Lenox Road, lives in an area where the Park District has acquired most of the surrounding homes and is just hoping that the District would respect his desire to continue living at that location. He also stated that he was appreciative of the Park District.

The Board stated to Mr. Williams that yes he still has a home! If and when he has interest to sell his home, the Park District remains interested in acquiring the property. They thanked the public for their input.

The Board discussed the plan. Many comments were presented with varying opinions offered. Commissioner Dunn favored leaving the Lenox Road property in a more natural state, Commissioner Pierce expressed he support for the overall plan. Vice President Mayo believed it was an excellent long-term vision. Commissioner Creech expressed concern about synthetic turf being included in the master plan and believed the natural area restoration was too ambitious. Commissioner Nephew inquired about garden plots within the Lenox property while Commissioner Cornell was not in favor of synthetic turf. President Kinzler polled the Board regarding turf and the majority seemed to favor removal or included as an alternate.
B. High School District #87 Intergovernmental Agreement
Following the December 17th Board meeting and discussion regarding the proposed agreement, two follow-up meetings took place with District 87. The first was between staff, at which time several items based on Park Board direction were discussed. Points of discussion included the Park District’s desire to have an escalating fee to try to capture potential increased expenses over time, the raising of the overall rental fee, should lights be installed, the inclusion or removal of the Ackerman basketball courts and discussion regarding the agreement between the Park District, District 87 and the Village regarding Duchon Field. At the conclusion, both sides agreed that it would be beneficial to have a second meeting including Park Board members. That meeting took place and the following outcomes resulted:

A. The annual rental fee would begin at $54,000 for year one through five, $58,000 for years six through ten, $62,000 for years 11 through 15, and $66,000 for years 16 through 20. If lights were to be installed, annual fees would increase $10,000 per year.
B. Terms would include a ten year agreement with each group capable of not renewing with a minimum of a one year notice. If neither party opts out, the agreement automatically renews for an additional ten years.
C. Use of Ackerman’s basketball court has been factored in financially. The Park District does have the annual option to take back that time should the District need to do so.
D. Village Green baseball field will be cared and managed by and at the expense of District 87. Language is included in the agreement stating that. Also, should the high school want to make improvements to the field, they must receive permission from the Park District prior to doing so and would be required to pay for any improvements.
E. Lake Ellyn Intergovernmental Agreement will be discussed separately.

Director Harris also said that the agreement has been presented to District 87 counsel, and he is hoping to have it to Park District counsel by tomorrow and hopes to get the agreement in front of the Board fairly quickly.

IX. New Business
A. Appointment of New Board Secretary
Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to appoint Dave Harris as the Board Secretary for the Glen Ellyn Park District.

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

Motion Carried.

X. Director’s Report
Director Harris recognized Katherine Wendland for her five years of service at the Glen Ellyn Park District, and wished her well at her new position at the Downers Grove Park District.
Director Harris also stated that staff has done an outstanding job preparing outdoor ice, and that the new ice rink at Newton will be re-opening this week.

Superintendent Esposito said that she was able to enjoy the ice and went skating at Lake Ellyn.

**XI. Commissioner’s Report**

Commissioner Nephew said that she was able to take her daughters skating at Lake Ellyn three times so far and they have thoroughly enjoyed it each time.

Commissioner Cornell thanked Superintendent Hopkins for his excellent response to the skating at Lake Ellyn, and she also congratulated Ms. Wendland on her new job.

Commissioner Creech congratulated Ms. Wendland on her new job, and how excited she was about ice skating. She commented that her family happened to be the first to skate on the ice when Lake Ellyn opened for skating. The addition of the homeboni has improved the conditions.

Commissioner Mayo, stated that he has played hockey all of his life and knows how hard it is to make ice, and thanked staff for all of their efforts; he also thanked Ms. Wendland for all she has done.

Commissioner Pierce thanked Executive Director Harris and Superintendent Hopkins for their response to skating at Lake Ellyn.

Commissioner Dunn thanked Ms. Wendland for all she has done for the Board of Commissioners, he also thanked Executive Director Harris for all he has done and read a letter that was sent to the Board by the Village which read as follows:

> On behalf of the Village Board, we wanted to acknowledge the effort being made by Executive Director Harris and his staff to work efficiently and effectively on a number of joint projects with the Village. Dave has been a true professional in working on projects such as Lake Ellyn, Village Green, and Lenox Road Improvements. In addition, Dave has worked with Village management in a proactive way on upcoming projects such as the Spring Avenue Recreation Center analysis and potential turf and lights at Newton Field, as well as brainstorming and problem-solving on a number of other issues and concerns.

> We appreciated his cooperation and dedication, and wanted to communicate this to the Park District Board of Commissioners to ensure you are all aware of our sentiments. We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively for years to come.

> Sincerely, Alexander Demos, Village President and Mark Franz Village Manager
President Kinzler also thanked Ms. Wendland for all she has done in the five years that she has been with the Park District.

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session
At 10:24 p.m. Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 5 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and 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.

XIII. Return to Open Session
The regular meeting reconvened at 10:53 p.m.

XIV. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:53 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris
Board Secretary