I. Call to Order
Vice President Mayo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Creech, Pierce and Vice President Mayo. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:28 p.m. President Kinzler arrived at 9:55 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 Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Defiglia.

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

IV. Changes to the Agenda
None.

V. Public Participation
None.

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

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

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business
A. Landscape Maintenance Bid Results and Recommendation
Superintendent Hopkins presented and reviewed the landscape maintenance bid results, and that staff recommended awarding the contract to the TLC Group. He also explained all of the work that that would be included in the contract along with the type of maintenance that would be performed.
Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to award the 2014 landscape maintenance contract for package “B” and package “A” items – Sunset Pool and Holes and Knolls miniature golf course to the TLC Group in the amount of $25,000 pending review by counsel.

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

Motion Carried.

B. Indoor Aquatic Feasibility Study Preliminary Report
Director Harris provided a brief background regarding the Glen Ellyn Aquatic Initiative and how the feasibility study came to fruition.

Director Harris introduced Mr. Rob Peiper, head of the Glen Ellyn Aquatics Initiative. Mr. Peiper thanked the Board for their time and for reading through the report, he explained how the Glen Ellyn Aquatic Initiative has worked closely with Director Harris and the Isaac Group. He also understands that the group is asking for a lot but he believes an indoor pool will bring a tremendous value to the community.

Mr. Peiper then introduced Stu Isaac of the Isaac Sports Group. Mr. Isaac explained the details of the feasibility study and the process that he and the rest of the group have gone through to get this far, including review of the Park District 2012 community survey. Mr. Isaac highlighted the many activities that could potentially be available at such an aquatic facility.

Mr. Isaac reviewed the potential sites that could offer an indoor aquatic facility and the types of programming that could be offered if an indoor aquatic facility was built. It was recommended that the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center be the location for a possible indoor aquatic facility due to the existing facility and potential synergy between the various recreation activities. He identified the amenities that could be offered at Ackerman along with the construction cost estimates to build the indoor facility and the possibility to increase memberships. He stressed the benefit of having a facility that would serve multi-generations, offering something for all ages. Mr. Isaac then went over the three (3) pool options and what each option can offer. (Please refer to the feasibility study for a detailed look into the proposed options.)

The Board thanked Mr. Isaac and his colleagues for all of their hard work on the report and then asked for public participation regarding the preliminary report.

Rob Peiper, 167 Crest Rd. Mr. Rob Peiper stated that looking at the availability of indoor pool facilities in the area, that there is a very limited amount of indoor space for programming and that the Glen Ellyn Ellyn Indoor Aquatic Initiative is really looking for the Board’s support.

Mrs. Claudia Brown, 1N161 Forest Ave. Mrs. Brown who is part of the Glen Ellyn Aquatic Initiative explained that her kids are in swim lessons year round at Health Track and that there
is very limited programming for that. She explained how programming is done at Health Track and that not all participants can be accommodated and there are generally wait lists for swim lessons.

Ms. Hope Rodine, 611 Summerdale Ave. Ms. Rodine explained that she has three children who are in swim lessons and one is on a swim team at Wheaton College, since there is always a wait list at Health Track. She stated that the Gators swim team for seven to eight year old girls is already full, and a lot of the reason people are members at Health Track is because they have a pool.

Ms. Kathy Dibadj, 323 Cottage Avenue stated that she has a son who swam through high school and swims in college, and explained that injured athletes have a tendency to go to a pool because it is a safe environment for someone who has injuries. She also stated that pools can offer a lot of therapeutic activities for the community such as water walking for people with certain types of injuries.

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding swim team and how the flexibility for programming with the installation of an indoor pool would work. The Board also discussed how the community survey would play a part of the installation of an indoor pool. They also discussed specific needs and questions regarding an indoor aquatic facility.

Commissioner Nephew questioned the needs of WDRSA and the differences in pool sizes along with more explanation of the options for diving.

Commissioner Cornell expressed concern about whether the indoor pool reflects the survey results and getting people on board and funding the pool with taxpayer’s dollars. Cornell also questioned the water supply. Mr. Isaac explained how the modern technology and filter systems would help with the water usage and actually reduce demand. Cornell questioned making this aquatic facility structured and programmed out for out of area use. Mr. Isaac explained the benefits of structure and a schedule to achieve revenue and that many of those using the facility would be residents or hosted guests of residents, teams, clubs and groups.

Commissioner Creech was really impressed with this report and stresses how this report gives the public a wide range of options regarding an indoor aquatic facility. Creech questioned the deferred maintenance plan and the debt service. Mr. Isaac stated that no line item was included for debt service. Commissioner Creech questioned option 3 and the scale of this option in relation to the size of Glen Ellyn. Creech liked the partnership opportunities discussed in this plan. Commissioner Creech believes due to the extensive cost the only way to finance this would be through a referendum.

Commissioner Dunn is on the fence regarding this whole project. He appreciates the study and the survey involved. Dunn thinks this is a wonderful analysis but questions the difference in acreage of option 1 vs. option 3. Mr. Isaac states that the footprint of option 1 is 22,500 sq. ft.
and option 3 is 36,000 sq. ft. The building is less than 1 acre. Dunn questions the cost to the average taxpayer.

Commissioner Pierce stated her pro position for the aquatic facility at Ackerman and asked for clarity on the school district operating subsidy. Mr. Isaac explained that this should be called a rental use and discussed how District 87 apparently rents space from Fountainview. Pierce asked if there was a window of opportunity for bonds. Superintendent of Finance, Nick Cinquegrani, believed there was an opportunity for this renewal of bonds this fall but would need to verify.

Commissioner Mayo thanked Mr. Isaac for the detailed study. He questioned the Fountainview facility and their revenue and which option that compared to. Mr. Isaac stated that Fountainview resembles an option 1+ and it is making money. Mayo inquired about therapy specific pools and Mr. Isaac discussed various options and benefits for partnerships.

President Kinzler commended Mr. Isaac and the Aquatic Initiative group. Kinzler stated he would be interested in a referendum for a fair vote to see how the general public stands on this issue.

The Board talked about the possibility of needing additional parking if the pool were to be installed along with some kind of partnership with an outside group to help fund an indoor pool, specifically like the one Central DuPage Hospital has with Health Track. The Board also discussed the possibility of the Park District going out for referendum bonds.

C. Dual Facility Study Preliminary Report
Ms. Barbara Heller of Heller and Heller Consulting and Doug Holzsricter with PHN Architects were present to provide the Board with the dual facility study preliminary report.

Ms. Heller explained to the Board what was reviewed in order to put together the report. They explained the items that were included in the preliminary report, which included ways to increase revenue, repurpose facilities or provide opportunities for other governmental entities to purchase one of the facilities.

They both expressed the major issues with the facilities was functionality.

The preliminary report provided five options which included maintain and improve facility utilization, close Main Street Recreation Center, close Spring Avenue Recreation Center,
maintain both facilities and repurpose the first floor at Main Street for District #87 use, or repurposing both facilities.

Ms. Heller went on to review the pros and cons of each of the options, with possible cost savings and how programming could be impacted. She explained that she felt there was a need to leave the options open regarding closing a facility so that the Board and community could provide input into the whole process.

Commissioner Creech would like to see more long term costs and savings regarding these facilities.

Commissioner Dunn thanked Ms. Heller for the study. He stated that he would like to see the ongoing costs for exterior maintenance at both facilities.

Commissioner Pierce would like to see more evaluation of building appraisals and costs involved if either facility was to be sold or razed.

Commissioner Mayo believes this is not a simple process and has unlimited possibilities. Mayo stated there is no urgency and understands this will require much further discussion.

President Kinzler appreciated seeing the financial side of this process and understands the ramifications of this process. President Kinzler would like more detailed financial impacts of each alternative.

The Board expressed their concern about there not being a clear direction about which facility should be closed, and the possibility of selling Spring Avenue along with the complication of trying to demolish Main Street because of its historical significance, if that were ever to become an option.

The Board went on to discuss the relocation of classes if the first floor at Main Street were to be repurposed.

Director Harris explained to the Board that the final report will be presented to the Board at the April 15th Board meeting.

IX. Director’s Report
Superintendent Cinquegrani clarified to the Board when the Park District would be able to issue referendum bonds.

X. Commissioner’s Report

XI. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:03 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris
Board Secretary