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

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Nephew, Dunn, Pierce, Mayo, and President Kinzler. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Creech was absent.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance
President Kinzler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda
President Kinzler announced that the unfinished business will be discussed before the new business.

V. Public Participation
The Board of Commissioners recognized Mr. Phil Garcia for his dedication, commitment and hard work that he does while employed for the Park District as a part-time facility supervisor. Over the past several years, the Park District has received numerous compliments for Mr. Garcia going above and beyond assisting renters and patrons at the Lake Ellyn boathouse during rentals.

VI. Consent Agenda
Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to approve the consent agenda and revised minutes reflecting that Commissioner Dunn was present at the March 18, 2014 Board Meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. Unfinished Business
A. Glen Ellyn Park District Adopt-A-Park Update
Park District Naturalist Renae Frigo provided the Board with an update of the Park District’s Adopt-A-Park Program. To date, five (5) parks have been adopted which includes Manor Park, Lake Ellyn Park which will be divide into multiple sections since it is such a large park, Maryknoll Park, Stacy’s Park and Walnut Glen. Ms. Frigo also reviewed the marketing efforts and an overview of the program.

The Board thanked Ms. Frigo and Superintendent of Parks Dan Hopkins for all of their hard work and can’t wait to see the program grow even more.

B. Indoor Aquatic Feasibility Study
Mr. Isaac updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the preliminary aquatic report. He then went on to review some of the questions that had been raised during the public forum. Some of the questions and items that were presented included having more water space without additional spectator seating and having additional parking at Ackerman. The biggest change was adding option 3A to the study which bridged the gap between option 2 and 3 yet saved significant expense. The other change was to add the parking into the cost of the project in all options across the board. He explained the enhanced Learn to Swim descriptions and discussed how programming would work when integrating Sunset and Ackerman during the summer.

Commissioner Mayo was appreciative of all of the details provided within the report. Mayo expressed intrigue into possible partnerships with neighboring communities but understands that could be complicated as well. Mayo also expressed concern in ensuring the GEPD patrons receive priority over other partnerships. Mayo stated he would be in favor of this project but would like to see if the community would like other projects to be accomplished prior to or instead of this facility such as Lake Ellyn Boathouse, Lake Ellyn Park, or Ackerman and to see if any are financially feasible.

Commissioner Pierce appreciated Commissioner Mayo’s thoughts on all that was discussed. Pierce appreciates Mr. Isaac’s report but understands the need to discuss all future projects on the docket.

Commissioner Dunn complemented the Aquatic Initiative for their input and thanked Mr. Isaac for such a thorough and complete analysis and report. Dunn also thanked staff for their input and looks forward to the Citizens Finance Committee report and suggestions. Dunn did say he is concerned about the cost and for the taxpayers going forward.

Commissioner Cornell thanked Mr. Isaac for the detailed report and staff as well. Cornell wanted to distinguish the difference between each person’s definitions of needs versus wants and does not feel we as a community needs to provide recreation and programming to residents of other communities including those who have more revenue, tax base, and a larger population. Mr. Isaac did clarify that many of those outside organizations do represent GE patrons and groups. Cornell is pleased by the programming but is concerned by the need to fill that programming. Cornell believes a referendum would be needed and would hope to have
that coincide with timing when voter turnout would be greatest. She looks forward to the Citizens Finance Committee report.

Commissioner Nephew agreed with many elements already discussed prior. Nephew believes we need to look long term and at all ramifications involved. Nephew would like to see an area for concessions to be offered at certain times and questioned the ability to staff lifeguards at such a facility.

President Kinzler opened the floor up for public comment.

Kathy Dibaj, 323 Cottage Avenue spoke and is a part of the GE Aquatic Initiative. She discussed the many people who came to the special meeting forum to speak of the many benefits of an indoor facility.

Mr. Jeff Cooper, 22W111 Glenrise Court stated that he was not at the public forum otherwise he would have said no to the indoor aquatics facility. He did state that he was at the last Board meeting and up until then he only heard that the pool would only be funded by private donations.

Director Harris explained to Mr. Cooper that there was no clear statement made about how the pool would be funded.

Mr. Cooper stated the he did not originally understand that but now he does. Mr. Cooper reviewed the 2012 community survey stating that the number one response was to maintain parks, and said that the Park District has lost a lot of open space once Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center was built. He also mentioned that he has spoken with other community members who stated that they did not want another referendum. He also does not want to see his tax bill go up.

President Kinzler commended the Glen Ellyn Aquatics Initiative for all of their hard work and for raising money for the study out of their own pockets. Kinzler also thanked the CFC for their work on this study. Kinzler is just concerned over this project from a taxpayer’s standpoint and a community desire standpoint. Kinzler believes the only true way to see if there is a desire is to go out to a referendum during a highly attended election. He wants to make sure the public is firmly aware of all options and details if it should come to that.

Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to accept the final report for the indoor pool feasibility study as presented by the Isaac Sports Group.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Cornell, Nephew, Mayo, Dunn, and President Kinzler.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.
Mr. Isaac then presented the Board with the Sunset Pool analysis. He stated that the structure of the pool is still very sound. Mr. Isaac reviewed the four components of the study which included safety and code compliance, mechanics and chemicals, equipment and when it would need to be replaced. He reviewed each item presenting the Board with several items that could be done to help improve Sunset Pool such as adding stairs to the 3 meter diving board and deepening the water under the slide. The zero depth pool limits programming options and by deepening the water this could potentially increase programming and create more usable space. He also recommended some improvements to deck work and adding some nonslip grading and possibly the addition of family changing rooms. He also discussed the detailed analysis of updating certain mechanics which could aid in future operating expenses. He also discussed other items that could be added to the pool to update the fun factor of the pool.

Commissioner Nephew questioned the cost of water in general. Mr. Isaac suggested looking into the cost savings of updating/replacing preemptively to save on efficiency in water costs.

Commissioner Cornell questioned bringing items up to code. Mr. Isaac explained that once you begin bringing one item up to code all items must be brought to code as well. This does not include updating mechanics.

Commissioner Mayo said timing and priorities are the key issues now moving forward. Mayo questioned the code and how PDRMA related to these codes. Executive Director Harris stated that in accordance with PDRMA we are in compliance.

Commissioner Pierce commented that she would look to staff to prioritize what would be done with recommendations for Sunset Pool.

Commissioner Dunn thanked Mr. Isaac on the detailed study and recommendations. Dunn would hope staff would bring those recommendations to the Board as needed.

President Kinzler reiterated the value of this report. Kinzler asked if staff recommendations could be brought forward looking ahead.

**VIII. New Business**

A. **Temporary Easement for Construction Access with Glen Ellyn School District 41**

Superintendent Hopkins explained what District #41 is seeking to do. Staff recommends the Board approve the temporary easement as it would assist School District #41 in their efforts to improve Churchill School and would not negatively impact Churchill Park during the process.

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to have the Glen Ellyn Park District agree to a temporary easement for construction access to Churchill Park near Churchill School with Glen Ellyn School District 41.

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

Motion Carried.

B. Newton Park Artificial Turf Professional Engineering Services
Director Harris summarized the rfp process seeking out professional engineering services for the Newton Park synthetic turf process.

Park District staff recommended engaging Erickson Engineering Associates as the professional engineer for the Newton Park artificial turf field based on the overall strength of their proposal including a competitive fee and the substantial and successful experience directly related to the planning, bidding and installation of an artificial turf field.

The Board discussed the timeline for the installation of the turf field, especially with the possibility of the schedule of the Golden Eagles conflicting with the installation being in the fall.

Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to award the professional engineering services contract for the Newton Park synthetic turf installation to Eriksson Engineering Associates for the amount not to exceed $47,000 not including the reimbursables and an additional $7,500 if the Park District decides to pursue the installation of athletic field lights pending Park District attorney review.

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

Motion Carried.

IX. Director’s Report
Director Harris explained what a challenging spring it has been for the Park District regarding the athletic fields due to the severe and extended winter. However despite the conditions, staff did an admirable job coordinating their efforts to adjust and provide alternative locations. He also announced that house soccer and lacrosse started this weekend and this past Saturday there was a unique rental at ASFC with over 300 people staying overnight at the facility. There was also a workday on the Village Green baseball fields and games have begun as well as Maryknoll hosted a Touch a Truck event with 500 people in attendance.

Superintendent Esposito announced that the Easter egg events are this week, and that next Tuesday is Earth Day awareness.

X. Commissioner’s Report
Commissioner Dunn thanked Superintendent Esposito for attending the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting this morning, and he would be interested in serving as Treasurer on the Board.

Commissioner Pierce thanked staff for the great communication with all of the spring sports.
Commissioner Mayo thanked staff for all of their hard work during this spring with all of the sports and with the upcoming strategic planning meeting for the Board and he is personally in favor of having a facilitator present.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to have a facilitator present for the strategic planning meeting.

Commissioner Cornell looks forward to the Earth Day event.

Commissioner Nephew appreciates the new floor at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center group exercise studio, she hopes to attend the Earth Day event and she would like to be considered for the position of Vice President on the Board.

President Kinzler thanked Director Harris for the great job at the meeting with the platform tennis committee.

**XI. Adjourn**
There being no further business, Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:30 p.m.

*Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris  
Board Secretary