Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
August 5, 2014
185 Spring Avenue

I. Call to Order
President Mayo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Pierce, Dunn, Kinzler, Nephew and President Mayo. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:12 p.m. and Commissioner Creech was absent from the meeting but submitted a statement regarding the proposed resolution.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Executive Assistant Dikker, Superintendent of Parks Hopkins and Superintendent of Finance, and Supervisor of Marketing and Communications O’Kray.

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

IV. Changes to the Agenda
None.

V. Public Participation
None.

VI. Voucher List of Bills Totaling $199,781.50
Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce to approve the voucher list of bills that was submitted.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. WDSRA Update
W.D.S.R.A. is a recreation agency serving those with special needs. They provide support and assistance to people with special needs who reside in eight park districts including Glen Ellyn. W.D.S.R.A. Executive Director, Sandy Gbur, gave a brief overview and update regarding the organization. Ms. Gbur presented a slide show detailing the services and programs provided and an overview of the staff that makes this organization a success.
The Board thanked Ms. Gbur for her presentation.

VIII. Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the Glen Ellyn Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2014.

President Mayo announced that the Board Park Commissioners would next consider the adoption of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing general obligation bonds to the voters of the District at the general election to be held in November, 2014. President Mayo presented the Resolution and a copy was provided to each Park Commissioner prior to the meeting and to everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew, to adopt Resolution #14-02.

Public Participation
Claudia Brown, 1N161 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn is a member of the Glen Ellyn Aquatic Initiative and was happy for the issue to be presented to the community and believes the pool would be a benefit for her family and the community.

Sarah Fort, 869 Glenbard Rd., Glen Ellyn agreed with Ms. Brown on her comments in support of a pool.

Jeff Cooper, 22W111 Glenrise Ct., Glen Ellyn discussed his opposition to the pool being built. He sent a letter to six of the seven Board Members regarding his opposition. Mr. Cooper spoke about the 2012 Community Interest Opinion Survey and that the #1 priority listed was maintaining our assets and #6 was the desire for a pool. Mr. Cooper feels betrayed that this Resolution is being fast tracked for November and would like to see his taxes decrease.

Tom Voltaggio, 211 Taylor Ave., Glen Ellyn discussed the aggregate impact of funding and issuing general obligation bonds on the community. He said he does not want to pass this on to future generations and the issuance of bonds should be done very carefully. He would like the Board to look beyond bond debt and into funding by private partnerships.

Jen Piggott, 599 Hawthorne Ave., Glen Ellyn expressed that she is in favor of the pool.

Janet Morris, 276 Fairview Ave., Glen Ellyn said she supports the pool.

Jen and John Kissane, 341 Windsor Ave., Glen Ellyn said they are in support of the pool.

Paul and Christy Rosenthal, 470 Elm St., Glen Ellyn supports the Aquatic Center.
Al D’Ambrosio, 66 Stephanie Ln., Glen Ellyn expressed his opposition to the Aquatic Center. He does not believe we should be put in debt for a leisure facility and wants to clarify a need versus a desire. He does not feel the public sector should compete with the private sector in regards to a pool.

Rob Pieper, 503 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ellyn stated he is the Chairman of the Glen Ellyn Aquatics Initiative and appreciates the support and looks forward to the November 4th election and allowing the community to decide the fate of this facility. He believes this is a multigenerational facility and there are currently limited facilities meeting the needs of the community.

John Creswell, 376 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn stated that he has lived in Glen Ellyn for only 12 months and finds it a wonderful community. He is concerned about the taxes and worries that building a pool will be asking everyone to pay for a small subset of people. He would like to allow younger people to be able to move into the community but is concerned about the high level of taxes they will face.

**Board Comments**
Commissioner Creech was not present at the meeting but issued a statement which President Mayo read aloud. It is attached. She is in favor of the Resolution and allowing the voters to decide.

Commissioner Cornell expressed mixed feelings with the Resolution and yet sees advantages to the Aquatic Center. She stated that it is a lot of money but feels it is a community decision and that the November election is the best date for all to decide the outcome of this Resolution.

Commissioner Pierce feels the Aquatic Center is a benefit to the community from a standpoint of safety, community, recreation and therapy. She believed it was important to allow the community to determine if they want an indoor pool or not.

Commissioner Dunn expressed appreciation for those attending the Special Meeting. While Commissioner Dunn is concerned about the financial aspect in regards to property taxes he believes a referendum would provide the opportunity for the voters to determine the outcome.

Commissioner Kinzler agreed with many of the comments and concerns presented previously, and has been impressed with the Glen Ellyn Aquatic Initiative’s ability to raise funds for the study. He supports the process of democracy in allowing the citizens to vote on this referendum.

Commissioner Nephew highlighted the careful planning and research that went into the pool study along with the overall analysis of the Park District. She is hopeful the community will discuss this referendum with their neighbors and fellow community members and supports putting this out to vote during the November election.
President Mayo discussed the 2012 Community Interest Opinion Survey and the various aspects of the survey as it relates to Aquatics. He is confident of this project and its future and believes it would make Glen Ellyn a more desirable place to live. He realizes this is a large sum of money but supports placing the referendum on the November ballot for the community to decide.

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

Resolution #14-02 is adopted with a vote of 6-0

**IX. Director’s Report**

Executive Director Harris stated that the Football Jamboree is this weekend and it is the primary fundraiser for the Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagles then contributes back to the Park District with some of the funds going towards the funding of the turf at Newton Park. Family Fun Night was well received and well attended. The Duck sale and race, done in collaboration with the Glen Ellyn Downtown Alliance, raised nearly $800 which will go towards the Park District’s Scholarship Fund. Harris also stated that the Lennox Road construction is under way.

Superintendent of Parks Hopkins discussed that he will be attending the International Society of Arborists Meeting in Milwaukee on Wednesday. He will also be meeting with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to walk the site at Lake Ellyn in the next week in regards to the District’s OSLAD grant application.

**X. Commissioner’s Report**

Commissioner Kinzler expressed appreciation to the Park District for their help in the Game Day baseball events that took place at Village Green. Director Harris stated that those events netted the Park District $21,000.00 over the last two weekends and appreciated the efforts from the Parks Department in working on the fields.

Commissioner Nephew enjoyed Family Fun Night and has been enjoying Sunset Pool.

Commissioner Cornell thanked the Park District for the use of the Boathouse for the Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation meeting that took place on Monday August 4.

Commissioner Pierce commended the appearance of the football fields and thanked the Park District for its financial stability and allowing the community to decide on the referendum regarding the Aquatic Center.

Commissioner Dunn commended Jessica Marquez on making the recent Park District trip to Branson, MO a success.
XI. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris
Board Secretary