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 Cornell, Pierce, Creech, Nephew, Dunn and President Mayo. Commissioner Kinzler was absent. Commissioner Creech departed the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

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

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

IV. Changes to the Agenda
None.

V. Public Participation
John Kenwood, 120 Exmoor Glen Ellyn, Board President of School District 41, read a statement to the Glen Ellyn Park District regarding District 41 inadvertently posting the audio recording from a closed session at a recent District 41 Board meeting. During that session, discussion included a summary of a recent meeting between the Park District and District 41. Mr. Kenwood apologized for the incident and emphasized that the meeting between the two agencies was scheduled at the request of the School District. The School District had done so to inquire about the availability of Park District property to construct a new school. He expressed his regret and ensures that safeguards have been put in place so it would not happen again. President Mayo accepted the apology and stated the Park District would continue to work cooperatively, engage in constructive dialogue and seek opportunities with all government agencies, including School District 41, which would be beneficial to our entire community.

Jeff Cooper, 22W111 Glenrise Ct. Glen Ellyn, discussed his opposition to the portrayal of the referendum on the Park District’s website. He does not believe the Park District is fairly disclosing the parameters of the referendum. He also discussed reference to the District 41 meeting regarding the selling of green space.
Sue Schroeder, 521 Longfellow Glen Ellyn, discussed the comments from Jeff Cooper and disagreed regarding the portrayal of information to the referendum as listed on the Park District’s website. Mrs. Schroeder is in favor of an Aquatic Center and believes it would be beneficial to people of all ages.

Kevin Cooke, 852 Chancel Cr. Glen Ellyn, who is the Co-Chairman of the Golden Eagles Football program, provided additional information regarding a memorial that was proposed at the July 15 Board Meeting. The memorial would be a rock placed at Newton Park in close proximity to the upper football field memorializing Caitrin Gadomski. Caitrin, a Glen Ellyn resident and Newton Park neighbor, was 6 years old when she passed away last year. The Park Board agreed that barring any challenges with location or placement, the Board of Commissioners foresees no problem in moving forward with this project. President Mayo stated that this project will be voted on at the next Park District Board Meeting.

VI. Consent Agenda
Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling $209,025.99, the July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 5, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business
A. Volunteer Recognition/Matt Halkyard
Superintendent of Recreation Esposito introduced Matt Halkyard who volunteers for several programs including overseeing the Bulldogs youth lacrosse program, coaching a Golden Eagles football team and serves on the Coaches Committee as Chairperson for the youth football program. President Mayo read a statement from the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognizing Matt Halkyard for his volunteer efforts and dedication to the Glen Ellyn Park District. Mr. Halkyard gives his time, energy and passion to help make these programs a success and the Board of Commissioners extends their appreciation for his dedication, selflessness, efforts and leadership.

VIII. Unfinished Business
A. Lake Ellyn Park Improvements
Superintendent of Parks Hopkins discussed the Lake Ellyn Park Improvements and the next phases of implementation. He then introduced David Yocca and Jonathan Lawrence of Conservation Design Forum (CDF) who presented a visual update of the Lake Ellyn Master Plan Update. The Glen Ellyn Park District and CDF have submitted an application for an OSLAD grant and have since met on site with an Illinois Department of Natural Resource (IDNR) representative to familiarize IDNR with the site components proposed for the project. Mr.
Yocca then discussed the coordination with the Village, the woodland landscape restoration, the design refinement, and the schedule and construction phasing of the project. With direction from the Board, the first phase which includes the north end walkway from the boathouse towards Essex Road will be put out to bid with the goal to construct within this year depending on the bid results. The remainder of the project will be put out to bid in early 2015.

B. Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Business Plan Update
Superintendent Esposito introduced Sean Nelson, Ackerman Facilities Manager, and Anne Bennett, Facility and Fitness Supervisor, who presented a detailed power point presentation for the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Business Plan Update. The initial Business Plan was developed in late 2011 as a three year plan that would be updated and revised on a yearly basis. Mr. Nelson discussed the budget highlights, the status of initiatives and all of the new segments of service that have been implemented. He also discussed the many new programs that have since been offered to its members. He presented a financial/market analysis along with a list of proposed recommendations for 2015. The Board Members appreciated the thorough and detailed plan that was presented and commended Sean Nelson, Anne Bennett and Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray for their success in achieving such positive improvements for the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center.

IX. Director’s Report
Executive Director Harris encouraged people to attend the Arts Festival which is staged at Lake Ellyn this weekend. It is run all by the Lions Club, consisting of all volunteers, with the proceeds going towards the Lions Club’s charitable causes.

Supervisor Cinquegrani then brought the Board up to speed on the current IT situation. Presently, Glen Ellyn Park District and Wood Dale Park District are sharing a part time IT employee with each District getting two days of service. This is to serve as an interim solution while a more permanent arrangement is created. Based on direction from the Board at the July 15th meeting regarding staff’s long-term recommendation of hiring a full-time employee and equally sharing that position with the Wood Dale Park District with each getting 2 ½ days of work, staff has further researched the possibility of reducing the Glen Ellyn Park District’s commitment to just two days. A third agency has shown some interest in partnering and would only have the employee for one day. If that was the case, Glen Ellyn would only be committed to two days. The Board was agreeable in principal to that format and directed staff to pursue that arrangement.

Supervisor Hopkins stated that the Danby Park playground is being delivered tomorrow and will be installed the first weeks of September. Executive Harris added that the current playground equipment will be disassembled by a nonprofit organization, “Kids Around the World”, which will then reinstall the playground in an area of need.

X. Commissioner’s Report
Commissioner Nephew stated that she would not be in favor of selling park land especially open space. Commissioner Dunn was disappointed with the way District 41 conducted themselves within the closed session but appreciated the apology from District 41. Commissioner Dunn stated that he will not be serving another term as Commissioner. Commissioner Pierce trusts her fellow Board members and Executive Director to represent the Park District when needed and/or required. Commissioner Cornell was dismayed with the content of the closed session report that appeared on the web, but also appreciated the public apology from District 41.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris
Board Secretary