I. Call to Order
President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Mayo, Creech, Kinzler, Wilson and President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:04 p.m. and Commissioner Pierce was absent.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Defiglia and Executive Assistant Dikker.

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

IV. Changes to the Agenda
The agenda was adjusted as a courtesy to the Field Hockey volunteers who were being recognized and had a previously scheduled 7:30 p.m. commitment. Additionally, the Problem Based Learning (PBL) presentation was advanced to an earlier time as well to accommodate the young presenters. After which, the meeting proceeded in order.

V. New Business
A. Volunteer Recognition – Field Hockey
The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Mary Beth Bletsas, Gail Bode and Katie Cairns for their volunteer efforts and dedication to the Glen Ellyn Park District. Mary Beth, Gail and Katie have been instrumental in helping to grow the sport of Field Hockey within the Glen Ellyn Community. Since this Park District program began, these volunteers have dedicated countless hours working with staff, coaches, players and parents to provide a quality experience for girls and boys of Glen Ellyn. The program has grown from 32 sixth grade girls back in 2003 to currently 165 first through twelfth grade girls and boys. Mary Beth, Gail and Katie have given their time and talent without hesitation and have helped with not only the overall administration of the program but have taken on various roles such as coordination of practices, games, clinics, marketing the program and expanding the program. The Board of Commissioners presented a small token of their appreciation for all of their dedication in
providing a solid foundation and for their volunteerism to the Glen Ellyn Field Hockey program, the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Glen Ellyn community.

B. Churchill Problem Based Learning (PBL) Presentation
In the fall of 2014 2nd and 3rd grade students at Churchill Elementary School in Glen Ellyn School District 41 were given a Problem Based Learning (PBL) assignment that was to find a solution for the flooding of Churchill Park Trails. The third grade students over the last few months have been working on identifying, analyzing and determining practical solutions to help diminish the flooding issue. The students gave an oral and visual presentation for the Park Board of Commissioners with their various solutions. The students stated that the best solution was the use of native plants with a preference for wet soil and a long root system. The students each gave a brief report of various native plants that could be planted within the area to help diminish the flooding of the trails. After the slideshow presentation the students answered questions from the Park Board of Commissioners.

The Park Board of Commissioners was very complimentary of the presentation and the recommendations provided by the third grade students of Churchill Elementary School

VI. Public Participation
Nancy Perlman, 124 Exmoor Ave. in Glen Ellyn discussed that at the last meeting there was a large crowd of neighbors that were opposed to the synthetic turf at Newton Park. She discussed her environmental concerns with turf and that she would have liked more open dialogue in discussion regarding the turf. She feels the needs of sports is driving this item and again that the neighbors have not been heard. After the drainage is put in at Newton Park she would like the field returned to its natural state.

Mike Durschmid, 670 Sheehan Ave. in Glen Ellyn stated that he has been a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn and played football when he was young at South Park now currently Newton Park. He was happy to hear the Park District is using recycled products but is concerned over the products being used in the Newton Park turf. He wished for prior notice for such large scale projects. He discussed his environmental concerns with the project and would like additional research to be done.

Mike Wilson, 716 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn presented a petition of names and stated the Newton Park turf project is not a viable idea and discussed that this is not a sustainable project. Mr. Wilson said that more needs to be researched to find an alternative to turf.

Roxanne Short, 448 Raintree Ct. in Glen Ellyn questioned the timeline of the Upper Newton Park Synthetic Turf project. Executive Director Harris and Commissioner Kinzler answered her questions and discussed how this project came to fruition.
Krista Ashley, 130 Exmoor Ave. in Glen Ellyn lives across the street from Newton Park and questioned the amount of days that Newton Park Upper field is used on a yearly basis and discussed her environmental concerns with the turf.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Mayo moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling $392,896.86, the April 14 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 5 Workshop Meeting Minutes.


*Nay: None.*

*Motion Carried.*

**VIII. New Business**

C. Platform Report

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito presented a season recap of the 2014-2015 Platform Tennis Program. Esposito highlighted the changes and improvements experienced this past season including the resurfacing of two courts, new paddle furniture purchased through a shared effort with the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (G.E.P.T.C.), new and improved gate magnets as well as other improvements. Esposito stated that the G.E.P.T.C. is the sixth largest club in the Chicagoland area and shared some of the team’s successes and achievements. The program experienced a 16% growth in membership with the largest increase occurring within the women’s classification, the addition of the new part-time Platform Tennis Professional, Laura Berendt, and the expansion of the pass to be a twelve month pass rather than an eight month membership along with the many new events and socials that took place. Finally, recommendations for the next season included continuing to collaborate with the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club on determining capital needs, maintaining the current adult membership rate, reducing the youth membership fee to try to encourage growth in that area and possibly creating a family membership.

Superintendent Esposito remarked that the program continues to thrive with our community as it provides an excellent winter recreational activity and the program contributes to the diverse and varied recreational offerings of the Park District. The Park District is very proud of the program, the facility and the strong partnership with the GEPTC.

**IX. Director’s Report**

Executive Director Harris stated that it will be a busy weekend for the Glen Ellyn Park District with the opening of Sunset Pool and the Splash Pad. Harris commended staff on all of their preparation in a short amount of time and recognized Gary Blum stating that he has done a great job over the last month at the pool and praised his ability to adapt to a variety of work
situations while accepting the challenges of new technology. Harris discussed the renovations that have begun on the basketball court at Main Street Recreation Center, the fitness equipment that has arrived at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center and that the Senior Expo took place the previous week.

Superintendent of Parks Hopkins stated that the Lake Ellyn bid packet has gone out online and is being monitored and the mandatory pre-bid meeting will take place on the 27th of May.

Harris also stated that in keeping the Lake Ellyn project on schedule a possible Special Meeting will take place the week of June 23rd to discuss the results of the Lake Ellyn bid packet.

X. Commissioner’s Report
Commissioner Cornell discussed the productive meeting that took place on May 6th at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse with the consultants and staff. Commissioner Cornell suggested that there may be a possibility to achieve a higher LEED rating. She also stated that she attended a do it yourself rain garden presentation at the Arboretum.

Commissioner Mayo thoroughly enjoyed the Churchill 3rd grade PBL presentation and looks forward to future presentations by elementary students.

Commissioner Wilson also commended the 3rd Graders on their discussion.

Commissioner Kinzler congratulated President Nephew in serving her first meeting as President of the Park Board.

Commissioner Creech stated that she is happy that the Lake Ellyn project is going well and is on schedule.

President Nephew discussed the new fitness equipment that was being put in place at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session
At 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech to convene into executive session under 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 Kinzler, Creech, Cornell, Mayo, Wilson and President Nephew.
           Nay: None.

       Motion Carried.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:05 p.m.
XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary