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

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Pierce, Mayo, Creech, Wilson and President Nephew. Commissioner Cornell arrived at 7:07 p.m. and Commissioner Kinzler was absent.

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

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

IV. Changes to the Agenda
None

V. Public Participation
None

VI. Consent Agenda
Commissioner Mayo moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling $579,308.81, the August 18 Regular Meeting Minutes, the September 1 Workshop Meeting minutes, the Upper Newton Turf Installation Payout Request #1 totaling $320,329.14 and the Glen Ellyn Park District Policy Changes to the following policies: Technology and Cyber Liability, Land Acquisition and Environmental Review, Drug Free Workplace, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Alcohol and Drug Procedures for CDL Employees, Communicable Disease/Bloodborne Pathogens Program and Hazard Communications.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Mayo, Pierce, Creech, Wilson and President Nephew.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

VII. New Business
A. Volunteer Recognition-Glen Ellyn Titans/Joe Cardona, Scott Daniels and Kim Schwegel

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Joe Cardona, Scott Daniels and Kim Schwegel for their volunteer efforts and generous contributions to the Glen Ellyn Park District. President Nephew stated that as representatives of the Glen Ellyn Titans Youth Basketball organization, Joe, Scott and Kim initiated and presented the idea of renovating the outdoor basketball court at the Main Street Recreation Center in spring, 2015. It was said that their plan not only included ideas to improve the court but also a commitment to fund those improvements.

The project involved the complete overhaul of the existing outdoor asphalt basketball court and the surrounding area. The work added a new sport court surfacing, basketball poles with glass blackboards, park benches, and expansion of the fence and signage all largely funded by the Titans and their supporters. Engraved bricks were purchased by community members and then are to be placed within the seating area near the half court line. The engraved pavers will enhance the aesthetics surrounding the court while providing an opportunity for recognition. The final product now provides an outstanding basketball court free to the public while also providing improved opportunities for the patrons of the Main Street Recreation Center and since completion has been well used by people of all ages.

President Nephew expressed appreciation on behalf of the efforts made by the Glen Ellyn Titans Youth Basketball organization led by its president, Joe Cardona. Joe’s leadership, vision and selflessness led to the collaborative effort to renovate the Main Street outdoor basketball court. Leading the fundraising efforts was Kim Schwegel, a Glen Ellyn resident and supporter/member of the Titans organization. Kim’s dedication to the project was evident throughout the process. Also providing a significant component to the renovation was the addition of the new court surface which was provided by Sport Court Midwest. President Nephew thanked Scott Daniels, an executive with the company and also a coach in the Titans program, for his advice, direction and oversight throughout the project. President Nephew stated that Sport Court provided the surface and basketball equipment at a much reduced cost along with invaluable support and customer service.

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners then presented a token of appreciation to Joe, Kim and Scott for their dedication, volunteerism and financial contribution to the renovation of the Main Street Recreation Center outdoor basketball court and stated they are truly fortunate for their generosity in the betterment and improvement of the Glen Ellyn community.

B. Community Gardens at Lenox Road Property

The Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners had a lengthy discussion on the possible installation of community gardens at the Glen Ellyn Park District property at Lenox Road and St. Charles Road. Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins provided preliminary information of the various costs involved for this project. Hopkins discussed the costs of the project in detail, ranging from the need to install a water supply, protective fencing due to wildlife in the surrounding area and the labor involved in order to get the area sustainable for gardening.
Hopkins also discussed the possible challenges of the area and discussed the current usage of the existing community garden plots at Village Green Park. The Board discussed this project in detail and while input varied among Board members the Board directed staff to further research the costs involved in order to have continued discussion at the upcoming Strategic meeting in October.

IX. Director’s Report
Executive Director Harris stated that at last night’s Village of Glen Ellyn trustee meeting the Lake Ellyn Park Improvement project was approved via Consent Agenda. Harris stated that the Park District is awaiting the building and demolition permits and ground breaking may take place as early as Monday. Harris thanked the Village and Village staff for providing direction through this process and shared that the Board of Commissioners should be proud of their collaborative efforts with the community on this project. Harris reminded everyone that Poochapalooza takes place this Saturday from 1-4 p.m at the Spring Avenue Dog Park.

X. Commissioners’ Reports
Commissioner Cornell thanked the Citizens’ Finance Committee for helping in their role to ensure the financials of Park District as the Lake Ellyn Park Project begins. Commissioner Pierce discussed the possibility of adding signage in the construction area to allow the public to see future renderings of the project. Commissioner Mayo agreed that signage would be beneficial. Commissioner Creech was pleased to see archery offered at Maryknoll. President Nephew discussed her walk within Lake Ellyn Park and looks forward to the onset of construction.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session
At 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Pierce moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) 1 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Pierce, Creech, Cornell, Mayo, Wilson and President Nephew.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,