I. Call to Order
President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Pierce, Mayo, Creech, Kinzler, Wilson and President Nephew.

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

III. Introduction
Executive Director Harris stated that the Strategic Meeting is an opportunity to discuss various topics, financial commitments and proposed capital projects over the next five (5) years.

IV. Strategic Meeting Discussion
A. Financial Overview and Forecast
Superintendent of Finance and Personnel Cinquegrani led a discussion of the Glen Ellyn Park District’s Financial Commitments, Fund Balances, and Annual Operating Surplus. Cinquegrani then discussed the Tax Levy and Tax Bill forecast. The Board then discussed the issuing of non-referendum bonds and the financial impact to the Park District and the taxpayer.

B. Capital Projects
Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins presented an overview of the Capital Improvements for the Glen Ellyn Park District for 2016. Hopkins then presented a five year plan of proposed improvements through 2021. After the presentation Hopkins answered questions from the Board and the Park Board had a lengthy discussion of the various components of the five (5) year Capital Improvement plan.

C. Additional Topics
Executive Director Harris stated that various other topics have come up for discussion in the past and would be discussed at the Strategic Meeting.

1. Organizational Analysis
A suggestion to analyze the organizational structure and staffing of the Park District by an outside consultant was raised. If agreed upon, an RFP would be prepared to gather proposals for those services. After much discussion the majority of the Board agreed to
reconsider an organizational study in late 2016 as there are many projects currently taking place within the Park District.

2. Babcock House
Executive Director Harris discussed the current situation and parameters involving the Babcock House. Harris led a discussion of the various options for the Babcock House and the issues at hand that would need to be addressed. After much discussion, the Board was in agreement to implement a plan executed in 2017.

3. Platform Tennis
The Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (G.E.P.T.C.) has approached the Park District about adding two (2) additional courts to their current structure. The facility is quite busy at peak times and the GEPTC financially contributes to the recreation operational surplus while also funding ongoing improvements to the platform tennis facility. After Board discussion the Board would favor the Platform Tennis Club to follow the “Newton Approach” in which GEPTC would contribute significant funding towards the capital project. Staff will continue discussion with the Platform Tennis Club.

4. Referendum
A topic of discussion involved possibly adding a referendum for consideration within the next few years as the 2006 referendum debt is to be retired. The referendum discussed would be for land purchase and acquisition to address areas of the district that are deficient in parks and open space. After much discussion a majority would be open to the possibility for a referendum to acquire open space while some would not like to pursue a referendum at this time. It was unanimous that if the District was to consider a referendum for land acquisition it must be done while reducing the existing Park District overall tax levy.

Commissioner Pierce left at 10:50 a.m.

5. Johnson Maintenance Center
Executive Director Harris led a discussion of the increasing and ongoing needed repairs for the Johnson Center and the various options to efficiently and economically address. Staff will seek out more detailed information regarding the facility and options involved for future discussion.

6. Other topics
Other items discussed were possibly the addition of an outdoor refrigerated skating rink at a Park District property, having further discussion with the Village of Glen Ellyn regarding shared responsibilities and implementing a formal Strategic Plan for the Park District.

V. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech to adjourn the Special Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary