I. Call to Order
President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Creech, Kinzler, Wilson and President Nephew. Commissioner Pierce arrived at 7:39 p.m. and Commissioner Mayo was absent.

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
Commissioner Nephew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Changes to the Agenda
It was stated that agenda item IX. A- Lake Ellyn Park Improvements Payout Request #3 will be placed before the Consent Agenda for approval and the check request will be included within the Voucher List of Bills and Consent Agenda.

V. Public Participation
None.

IX. New Business
A. Lake Ellyn Park Improvements-Construction Management Payout Request #3
Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Wight Construction Payout Request #3 for the Lake Ellyn Park Improvements-Construction Management Services in the amount of $179,109.76.

Roll Call:  
Aye: Commissioners Creech, Wilson, Kinzler and President Nephew.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

VI. Consent Agenda
Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Finance Report, the Voucher List of Bills totaling $379,576.52, the

Roll Call:  Aye: Commissioners Kinzler, Creech, Wilson, and President Nephew.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

VII. Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance
President Nephew opened the public hearing for the 2016 budget and appropriation ordinance.

There being no comments from the public, Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to close the public hearing for the 2016 budget and appropriation ordinance.

Roll Call:  Aye: Commissioners Creech, Kinzler, Cornell, Wilson and President Nephew.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business
A. Approval of the 2016 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance
Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani presented the revised version of the 2016 Combined Budget & Appropriation ordinance that was previously presented and discussed at the December 1st Workshop Meeting. The Board had a discussion on the Combined Budget & Appropriation ordinance in which Commissioner Kinzler stated on record that in approving the ordinance the Park District’s plan is to utilize the guidelines of the budget numbers with the knowledge that the appropriation amounts serve as the legal threshold in the event of unforeseen expenditures. Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani confirmed staff utilizes the budgeted numbers throughout the year, the year-end financial audit displays actual expenses alongside the annual budget numbers, and the appropriation amount serves as a legal spending threshold in the event an unforeseen expenditure arises.

Commissioner Creech then moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve Ordinance 15-06 “A combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the purposes of the Glen Ellyn Park District for the year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.”

Roll Call:  Aye: Commissioners Creech, Wilson, Cornell, Kinzler and President Nephew.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

B. Amendment to Smoking Ordinance Chapter IV Violations-Section 4.32 Smoking and Matches
Executive Director Harris stated that as a result of the presentation from Reality Illinois, a group of students within the Glenbard School District advocating an anti-tobacco movement within
Park District property, and after further discussion at the December 1st Workshop Meeting, the Park Board of Commissioners provided direction for staff to finalize an amendment to the current Smoking Ordinance within the Governing Ordinances of the Glen Ellyn Park District. After a brief discussion Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell to approve the revised Ordinance 15-07 as presented, an amendment to the Smoking and Matches Governing Ordinance Chapter IV Section 4.32.

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

Nay: 

Motion Carried

IX. New Business
B. Platform Tennis
The Glen Ellyn Park District has been approached by the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club (GEPTC) to construct two (2) additional platform tennis courts at Maryknoll Park. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito discussed that GEPTC representatives had initially met with Park District staff to discuss ideas and receive direction and a business plan was then presented to the Citizens Finance Committee for feedback. After more discussion, feedback and suggestions the proposal was refined and the GEPTC presented the proposal to the Park Board of Commissioners.

Several GEPTC Board Members presented the detailed funding proposal for the addition of two new courts along with a ten (10) year financial model with corresponding assumptions and rationale. Current Board President Steve Morris, Vice President Tom Moellering and member Allison Park provided an overview of the GEPTC and thru a PowerPoint presentation discussed and displayed the increase of the membership and the growth of the sport within the surrounding Chicagoland area. The Board members discussed the levels of membership and information pertaining to the travel leagues. GEPTC Treasurer, Mike Graham, then presented a detailed financial model for a two court expansion. The premise of the proposal was similar to that of the Newton Park Field Improvement model which would minimize Park District risk in regards to financial responsibility with the financial responsibility being on the GEPTC and projected increased revenue as a result of the additional courts. It was stated that the additional courts would provide increased opportunity for general play while accommodating the expanding travel teams for both the GEPTC women and men’s team.

The Park Board had a lengthy discussion of the proposal. Commissioner Cornell questioned the financial commitment of the GEPTC and had concerns as to if it was enough. Commissioner Pierce was supportive of the proposal and felt it would be an asset for promoting increased outdoor physical recreation opportunities to the community. Commissioner Wilson was not familiar to the sport and had financial inquiries. Commissioner Kinzler questioned the indirect expenses, financials and rate of growth of membership yet appreciates that the GEPTC has a sound track record of significant contributions back to the Park District and would be guaranteeing a portion of the invested asset. Kinzler would also like to see more open time on the weeknights available to the community. Commissioner Creech appreciated the
conservativeness of the proposal and offered some suggestions that could possibly reduce the District’s financial risk. President Nephew stated her concerns on the financial model particularly if the GEPTC was to dissolve and not be able to contribute. The Board directed the GEPTC and Staff that further discussion and refinement would be needed in assessing the risks before moving forward with this project and looked forward to further discussion at a future Park Board Meeting.

X. Director’s Report
Executive Director Harris had no report.

XI. Commissioner’s Report
Commissioner Cornell stated that the video of the controlled burn at Lake Ellyn Park was remarkable and thanked staff on behalf of a friend for offering the Polar Express train to its patrons. Commissioner Pierce stated that her kids and friends enjoyed the improved sledding hill at Newton Park. Commissioner Kinzler wished everyone Happy Holidays. Commissioner Wilson appreciated all of the festive events that the Glen Ellyn Park District offers the community and President Nephew enjoyed the Santa visit at Maryknoll and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session
At 9:45 p.m. Commissioner Kinzler 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 the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the district.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Kinzler, Creech, Cornell, Pierce, Wilson and President Nephew.
Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

XIII. Reconvene to Open Session
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

XIV. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Dikker  
Board Secretary