I. Call to Order
President Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins, and Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Marketing & 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. Voucher List of Bills Totaling $181,685.38
Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to approve the Voucher List of Bills totaling $181,685.38.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

VII. Election of Officers
President
Commissioner Creech nominated Commissioner Kinzler for the Office of President.
Commissioner Cornell seconded the nomination.
Commissioner Pierce nominated Commissioner Nephew for the Office of President. There were no second to the nominations.

Commissioner Weber moved, seconded by Commissioner Creech, to close the nominations.  
_Motion Carried._

**Vote to elect Commissioner Kinzler as President of the Board.**

**Roll Call:**  
_Aye:_ Commissioner Creech, Kinzler, Cornell, Pierce, Wilson, Weber, and President Nephew.  
_Nay:_ None.  
_Motion Carried._

**Vice President**

Commissioner Cornell nominated Commissioner Nephew for the Office of Vice President. Commissioner Creech seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kinzler, to close the nominations.  
_Motion Carried._

**Vote to Elect Commissioner Nephew as Vice President of the Board.**

**Roll Call:**  
_Aye:_ Commissioner Cornell, Creech, Pierce, Wilson, Nephew, Weber and President Kinzler.  
_Nay:_ None.  
_Motion Carried._

**Treasurer**

Commissioner Wilson nominated Commissioner Creech for the Office of Treasurer. Commissioner Cornell seconded the nomination.

President Kinzler moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to close the nominations.  
_Motion Carried._

**Vote to Elect Commissioner Creech as Treasurer of the Board.**

**Roll Call:**  
_Aye:_ Commissioner Wilson, Cornell, Creech, Pierce, Nephew, Weber and President Kinzler.  
_Nay:_ None.  
_Motion Carried._

**Executive Director**

Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to appoint Dave Harris as Executive Director.  
_Motion Carried._

**Board Secretary**
Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to appoint Kimberly Dikker as Board Secretary.  

*Motion Carried.*

**WDSRA Representative**

Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to appoint Dave Harris as the WDSRA representative.  

*Motion Carried.*

**Law Firm**

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to appoint Ancel Glink as the Park District law firm.  

*Motion Carried.*

**GEPD Citizens’ Finance Committee Liaison(s)**

Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Weber agreed to serve as liaisons to the Citizens’ Finance Committee.

**Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Co-Chair(s)**

Commissioner Nephew and Commissioner Pierce agreed to serve as Co-Chairs to the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee.

**GEPD Citizens’ Environmental Advisory Committee Co-Chair(s)**

Commissioner Nephew and Commissioner Cornell agreed to serve as Co-Chairs to the Citizens’ Environmental Advisory Committee.

**Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation Liaison(s)**

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Creech agreed to serve as Liaisons to the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation.

**VIII. Glen Ellyn Park District Citizen’s Environmental Advisory Committee bylaws**

Executive Director Harris stated that with the formation and success of the Park District’s Citizens’ Finance Committee and the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center Advisory Committee, staff is recommending the creation of an Environmental Advisory Committee. Harris stated that this group would consist of Glen Ellyn residents and representatives from various Glen Ellyn institutions which would collaborate to provide advisory and constructive input and recommendations related to the District’s Environmental Policy. The Committee would be structured similarly to the Ackerman Advisory Committee but recommended increasing membership from 10 to 12 in order to accommodate the various Glen Ellyn organization representatives along with the at large resident members.  

Following Board review and discussion, staff recommended advancing the Environmental Advisory Committee by-laws to the May 17 Board Meeting for formal approval. The Board had a brief discussion of the by-laws and the committee and looks forward to the establishment of the Committee.
IX. Lake Ellyn Park Improvements – Construction Management Payout Request #8

Superintendent of Parks and Planning Hopkins briefly discussed payout request #8 for Lake Ellyn Park Improvements – Construction Management Services and then updated the Board on the progress of the Boathouse renovation.

Hopkins stated that staff recommends placing the payout request #8 in the amount of $287,530.31 on the consent agenda for the Regular Board meeting on May 17, 2016 and after a brief discussion the Board concurred.

X. Strategic Planning

Executive Director Harris stated that in anticipation of strategic and budget planning that will occur this summer, consideration should be given to have a potential strategic planning session to provide direction regarding future capital needs along with means to fund those responsibilities and expenses.

Harris presented a background of the various planning efforts over the last five years and then proposed several items of consideration. Superintendent of Finance and Personnel discussed the status of the Non-Referendum debt, that is due to retire in 2017 and the possibility of refinancing the debt if approved by the Board and succeeded at an election. Director Harris pointed out the various items to consider such as allowing the debt to retire and tax levy to decrease or identifying potential items to fund that are deemed necessary but are not within the existing financial abilities and potentially placing a referendum on the ballot at either the November or April election. Harris discussed upcoming legislative battles that could adversely affect the financials of the Park District and other municipalities and public agencies.

The Board then had a discussion of the presentation and agreed that a strategic planning session should be scheduled in the summer to further research potential projects deemed necessary and various means to fund those efforts.

XI. Staff Reports

Executive Director Harris stated that Staff has just completed their seasonal and summer hiring of approximately 200-250 people. Harris said the District provides a great experience for these new hires, many of which are beginning their first position of employment.

XII. Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Cornell said she attended the Earth Day presentations at Maryknoll Park and commended staff for a wonderful setting and was pleased with the attendance. Cornell also praised Marketing and Communications Supervisor O’Kray for her marketing efforts on the website demonstrating the proper form of mulching. Commissioner Creech was pleased the District was able to receive the new disease resistant trees from Morton Arboretum and praised staff for their relationships with these organizations and commitment to the natural areas. Commissioner Nephew attended Earth Day with her family and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Nephew also discussed the newly erected Veteran Memorial near Glenbard West and her attendance at the 30th reunion of the movie “Lucas” which was filmed in Glen Ellyn.
Commissioner Weber thanked staff for the tour of the Lake Ellyn Boathouse. Commissioner Wilson also agreed with Commissioner Weber in regards to the Boathouse restoration. President Kinzler thanked staff for the tour and praised Commissioner Nephew for her leadership while serving as the Park Board President this past year and is happy to follow in her succession and work alongside her on the Board. Kinzler also stated as the Boathouse project comes to completion he would like Commissioners Creech, Cornell and Nephew to serve as representatives for the potential ceremonies celebrating the renovation. He commended their service and efforts on this project.

XIII. Adjourn
There being no further business, Commissioner Creech moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Dikker
Board Secretary