RECOGNITION – EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS
The Park Board of Commissioners recognized several individuals for their dedication and volunteerism for this year’s Earth Day event that was hosted on Sunday, April 22nd. It was stated that members of the Glen Ellyn Park District Environmental Advisory Committee collaborated to plan and organize an Earth Day event that was fun, inspiring and attracted a wide range of patrons. The committee’s ideas included Park historical tours, a landscape architectural seminar and a District 41 PBL showcase. After much planning, the event came to fruition and attendance exceeded all prior Earth Day celebrations within Glen Ellyn. The Board acknowledged John Bower, Gail & Amber Bode, Board Liaison-Kathy Cornell, Adam Kreuzer, Carrie O’Halloran and Diane Padilla for their dedication and tremendous help in making this event such a success. The Board also thanked Annie Kane of School District 41 for her coordination with the event and the Hadley Builders Club for educating the community on their efforts. Praise was also given to the Glenbard West High School Eco Club who volunteered at the event.

Small tokens of appreciation were given to those present at the meeting which included Adam Kreuzer and Gail and Amber Bode and Naturalist Frigo praised the volunteers and discussed the tremendous success of the Earth Day Celebration at Lake Ellyn.

ASFC PARKING LOT BID APPROVAL
Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins stated that as discussed at the May 1st Workshop meeting and as part of the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan, $370,000 was allocated for the parking lot and asphalt improvements for the Ackerman Sport & Fitness Center (parking lot & entrance drive) and the Churchill Park (maintenance drive). At that time, Hopkins reviewed the eleven (11) bids and alternate bids and discussed that Chicagoland Paving had submitted the lowest Base Bid proposal and Alternate Bids in the amount of $487,710.25. Hopkins discussed the various changes that led to the increase in costs and stated that additional funds are available due to a higher than anticipated 2017 Operating Surplus while no planned capital projects will have to be deferred. Chicagoland Paving was used on prior projects within the District and projects were completed on time and within budget. Additional references were verified as well.

The Park Board had a brief discussion about the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center parking lot and inquired about the costs of using embedded colored pavers to delineate parking spaces versus painting lines on the pavers. Executive Director Harris stated it would be better served to move forward with a motion on the project as presented and if approved, seek quotes for a possible change order to incorporate that element. After further discussion the Park Board of Commissioners awarded the “Ackerman & Churchill Park Parking Lot & Maintenance Drive Improvements Base Bid + Bid Alternates” to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for an amount not to exceed $487,710.

AUDIT PRESENTATION
Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen presented the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Management letter. Ms. Wilkey then reviewed the report in detail and the Board had a brief discussion of the Audit Report.
PRESIDENT’S PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BID
Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins stated that per our Asset Replacement program and as budgeted for 2018, Marie Ulhorn/President’s Park Playground is to be replaced this year. Four (4) designs were received and were then presented to neighbors who were able to attend a meeting regarding the playground selection. After much dialogue and deliberation, it was determined that Landscape Structures, Inc. provided a playground design that was most consistent with the needs of the neighborhood.

Hopkins said the purchase price for the playground equipment is $63,065 and staff has received price quotes for installation in the amount of $23,900. Other incidental costs of $8,000 will be added to the total project cost but the total will be within the $100,000 allocated budgeted amount. The Park Board had a brief discussion and then authorized the purchase of the Landscape Structures, Inc. playground equipment for President’s Park in the amount of $63,065.

SUMMER PROGRAM PREVIEW
Superintendent of Recreation Esposito, Marketing & Communications Supervisor O’Kray and Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Services Robinson provided an overview of the Summer Programs offered by the Park District. Esposito discussed the new marketing efforts to publicize the many upcoming events within the District. Programs at Sunset Pool, Maryknoll Park and Ackerman Park were then highlighted. Robinson presented a review of the many summer camp programs that are provided for adults, seniors and kids of all ages and topics of all interests. O’Kray highlighted the marketing and social media efforts to educate the community on sustainability practices. Robinson then followed, offering an overview of the many Special Events that will take place this summer, many of which are complimentary. Finally, Esposito briefly mentioned the planning efforts for the District’s 100th year anniversary which will occur in 2019.