I. CALL TO ORDER

President Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Stanko, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Emma, and Mr. Renner

Staff

Staff present: Dan Jones, Executive Director; David Raica, Director of Planning and Development; Ben Rea, Superintendent of Park and Facilities Maintenance; Sara Kelly, Superintendent of Recreation; and Christine Cannon, Recording Secretary.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

President Renner asked if any items were to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

No one wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

Roll call: Yes – Stanko, Krueger, Emma, Harvey, Renner. No – None. Motion carried.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS

VII.A. Any Items Removed From Consent Agenda

None.

VII.B. Action Items


Jones noted that this item had enough votes at the Committee meeting to be placed on the Consent Agenda. However, there was a correction of an erroneous inclusion of Sleepy Hollow Watershed on the Committee’s copy at the June 12, 2014 Planning and Development Committee meeting. To be clear that the removal of Sleepy Hollow was apparent to all Board members, it was placed under Action Items for consideration. The ordinance is specifically for the Silver Creek Watershed that falls within the Park District property. Jones noted that upon approval, the Village of Cary will be notified and provided a copy of the Park District resolution.

Harvey moved the Board approve Resolution R-2014-15-01, A Resolution of Support for the Silver Creek Watershed Plan by the Cary Park District. Second by Stanko.

Roll call vote: Yes – Krueger, Emma, Harvey, Stanko, Renner. No – None. Motion carried.

VII.C.1. Discussion Items

None.

VIII. Executive Director Report

- **Summer Celebration.** Jones asked Superintendent of Recreation Kelly to expand on the plans for that event. Kelly explained that Lions Park would open for the event at 6:30 PM with the band beginning at 7:30 PM. There would be refreshments for purchase by the Dairy Queen of Cary and an added attraction this year is an inflatable obstacle course for children to play on while they are waiting for the music and the fireworks. The fireworks will begin at dusk.

- **Roskam Breakfast Meeting.** Jones asked if any other Commissioners were interested in attending this meeting. Commissioners Harvey and Renner previously stated they were attending. The breakfast is on July 2 with Congressman Peter Roskam, 6th District, at the Bartlett Park District.
- **Pool.** Jones noted that there have been various mechanical challenges with the pool involving regular maintenance tasks (backwashing) and establishing a schedule for these. On two occasions since the pool has opened, it has had to be closed early or opened late in order to perform these tasks. Staff has been working tirelessly to keep it running without interruption to the public. It is expected that the challenges will be worked out and the need to close it unexpectedly will end.

- **Preschool Building.** Jones reiterated a previous report on difficulties the winter weather caused on the Preschool facility in Lions Park. He said that the building will likely be usable for one more school year, with some repairs, but it has reached the end of its useful life and a decision will have to be made as to the future of the program location. Lamp has evaluated the basic repairs, i.e., roof, drywall, water problems, etc. and the cost to do these adjustments would be about $200,000. To replicate a new building exactly the same as the building current would cost approximately $680,000. There is a threshold whereby the cost of repairs equating to a percent of the building will trigger the need to bring the entire building up to current code. The cost to complete repairs of $200,000 would certainly trigger this requirement.

  Jones asked if this item should go to the Planning and Development Committee.

  Harvey said if something different is to be done, a start must be made immediately to be ready for the 2015-16 school year. The Board should also receive a program evaluation on the current state and future of the program.

  Krueger asked if a new structure would be just for preschool or would it be more of a multi-purpose facility. His preference was for a more multi-use facility if a new one was constructed. He also asked what rental options both long term and short term might be considered.

  Stanko asked what would happen at the end of the next school year. Would the building be taken down and he was told yes by Jones. He also indicated that perhaps the Community Center Park across the parking lot could be a possible site to relocate the Preschool.

  Rea reported that the Hampshire Park District had built a standalone preschool building in 2007. It is 7,000 sq. ft. and at the time cost $1.4M. There was an estimate that building a preschool similar to the current facility would cost about $700K.

  Jones said the District would also evaluate different funding options for construction or rental of space and bring this in for review.

  At the end of discussion the item was sent to the Planning and Development Committee for further exploration.
Hillhurst Pond
Jones asked Stanko to give an update on his concerns about Hillhurst Pond. Stanko stated that the originally built detention area has become more of a retention area and in an effort to remedy this, he had met with Jones, Raica, and Renner for their ideas.

The area is not dry and if it is to become an active recreation area it must be dry. He asked if there is value in pursuing the idea of rectifying this situation and to this end, should this item go to committee.

Renner commented that there is always a high cost involved with such remediation and his opinion is that the property doesn’t lend itself to improvements. He asked for a straw poll or some indication from the Commissioners as to how to proceed.

Emma said he has no interest in pursuing this. He feels a situation already exists with the Galway Drive detention area that is actively being used for sports and he has been approached by users as to possible improvements to this area.

Harvey said he felt there are other priorities now.

Krueger agreed and said this issue may be revisited during the Comprehensive Master Plan deliberations if it seems to be a priority at that point.

Renner summarized the Commissioner feedback and stated that the consensus is that improvement to the Hillhurst Pond is “off the table” at this time. He thanked the Board members for their thoughtful observations.

IX. Closed Session
There was no need for Closed Session.

Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Stanko.

Voice vote: Yes – 5-0. No - None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.