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. Stanko, Mr. Emma, and Mr. Renner.

Commissioners absent: Mr. Harvey and Mr. Krueger

Guests: Dan Forbes, Speer Financial, Inc.
Fred Glenn, 320 Castlewood Court, Palatine

Staff

Staff present: Dan Jones, Executive Director; Claire Glenn, Director of Finance and Administration; Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Sara Kelly, Superintendent of Recreation; Connie Nesler, Assistant Director of Finance and Administration; 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 COMMISSIONER

None.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS

By agreement of those present, item VII.B.1. was moved up to accommodate the schedule of Dan Forbes the Speer representative who was to present to the Board.

VII.B.1. Consider - Ordinance O-2013-14-06, An Ordinance providing for the issue of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B, for the purpose of providing for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the District and for the
payment of the expenses incident thereto, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Forbes explained the bidding process and was quite pleased with the bids received on November 20, 2013 for the $673,805 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2013B.

Forbes informed the Board that it was the opinion of Speer Financial that the bid of BMO Harris Bank N.A., Chicago, Illinois, is the best bid received, and it is further their opinion that the bid is favorable to the District and should be accepted. They therefore recommend that the Bonds be awarded to that bidder at a price of $672,920 at a net interest rate of 1.150%.

There was general discussion amongst the Board regarding the bidding environment and specifically one of the bidders Oppenheimer. Forbes explained the type of institution Oppenheimer is and his speculation on why their bid was higher than the low bidder. Stanko inquired as to whether the process to sell these bonds was completed by the agency annually and he was informed by Jones that it was.


Roll call: Yes - Stanko, Emma, Renner. No - None. Motion carried.

Emma moved to approve Ordinance O-2013-14-06, an ordinance providing for the issue of $672,920.00 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B, of the Cary Park District McHenry County, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Second by Stanko.

Roll call: Yes - Emma, Stanko, Renner. No - None. Motion carried.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

President Renner asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Stanko asked to have item VI.A.4 Approval – Golf Visions, Inc. Letter of Request removed from the consent agenda. President Renner announced that Stanko’s request would be moved to Action Items.

Roll call: Yes - Stanko, Emma, Renner. No - None. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**VII.A. Any Items Removed From Consent Agenda**

**VI.A.4. GolfVisions, Inc. Letter Request**

Stanko explained that he would like this item to be tabled until the next meeting so that commissioners not present this evening may be present to consider it.

*Stanko moved to table this item until the December 19 meeting of the Board. Second by Renner.*

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. No-None. Motion carried. Item will be placed on the December 19th meeting of the Board.

**VII.B. Action Items**

**VII.B.2. – Consider – Illinois Association of Park Districts 2014 Credentials Certificate**

Jones explained that this is an annual requirement. In order to be a participant at the annual meeting for the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Cary Park District must submit a completed Credentials Certificate. He stated that once the meeting agenda is posted he will review it and if there is a matter of interest to the District he will attend the meeting as Delegate.

*Stanko moved to approve the 2014 IAPD Credentials Certificate and the designation of delegates as follows: Delegate-Executive Director Jones; 1st Alternate-Renner; 2nd Alternate-Krueger; 3rd Alternate-Emma. Second by Emma.*

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting aye. No-None. Motion carried.

**VII.C. Discussion Items**

**VII.C.1. Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association Membership Dues**

ED Jones reported on the most recent NISRA Board meeting and the continuing discussion regarding their financial condition. Jones noted that although the Cary Park District Board indicated they would be agreeable to freezing the dues amount for one year, the make-up of the NISRA Board is such that not everyone is in favor nor can each of the member representatives make that decision for his/her own agency. Because of this, the financial future of the agency is not encouraging in the long term at this time.

Jones commented that 9 of 13 member agencies would need to support “freezing” dues. The agencies that do not levy for the SRF (Special Recreation Fund) do not have these funds put aside in advance of paying their NISRA obligation and it becomes more of a
trial for them when dues are to be held to current levels or increased when combined with a drop in the EAV of those agencies.

Jones stated that with member agency EAVs dropping, the dues calculation rate of .0175% has resulted in a significant decrease in funding for NISRA. Renner asked how a current member agency could leave the membership. Jones responded that there is a 15 month notice required. Jones commented that there are reasons to stay in the partnership beyond just the services provided. One item is that the SRF tax cannot be levied unless an agency is a member of a cooperative like NISRA. Another reason is that if NISRA could no longer function as it does now, providing member agencies would still be necessary to provide services to their users and this would remain an obligation of the individual agencies.

Stanko asked if it could be suggested that agencies “voluntarily” freeze their contribution and Jones said that this option had been discussed by the Board but it was his personal feeling that NISRA needs to operate as a “partnership” amongst its member agencies with all participating in objective equal measures on a matter like membership dues.

Jones summarized that the direction of the NISRA board was for each agency to return to their respective Boards for a decision on the freezing of the dues at current levels. Jones stated that it was his intention to bring this before the Operations Committee of the District in December and the full Board in December. The Board members were in concurrence with this approach.

VIII. Executive Director Report

Jones provided the Board an update on recent and upcoming matters.

The Merry Cary Parade is December 1 at 1 PM. Renner and Emma have agreed to walk as representatives of the Park District.

The Park District’s Holiday Party is December 6 at Foxford Hills Golf Club, 2-7 PM and all employees and Board members have been invited.

The Park District will offer a few Black Friday promotions this year for the first time involving swim passes, Fitness Center passes, and gift certificates.

The tornado-stricken people of Washington, IL are being offered childcare by the Washington Park District and as such a call has been sent out for craft supplies to be used for activities for the children while they are being cared for. The Park District is aggressively sponsoring a drive for these supplies which will be delivered on Tuesday, November 26, by Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing.

Illinois Association of Park Districts is coordinating assistance efforts with the clean up ongoing in Washington. They are looking for dump trucks and experienced drivers. Parks employees were asked if anyone would have interest in participating. Several employees offered to participate. Jones asked the Board if there were any concerns with the District’s participation in this effort. None was raised. Jones felt that this would be treated as a “mutual aid” and at some point a federal reimbursement program would be
put in place to offset the costs. Jones said he would keep the Board informed of the District’s participation in this program.

**IX. Closed Session**

*Stanko moved to enter Closed Session at 7:41 PM for the purposes of A. Review of Closed Session Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 © (21) and E. Review of Specific Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2 © (1). Second by Emma.*

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. No-None. Motion carried.

Meeting returned to open session at 7:58 PM.

Renner reported that the minutes from the Closed Session from September 26, 2013 had been approved.

There was no action to be taken as a result of Closed Session.

**XI. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn by Stanko; second by Emma.*

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.