I. Call to Order
President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Present were: Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, John Shaw, and Jeff Wehrli. Also present was Director Jason Pettit. There was a quorum.

III. Citizens to be Heard
No citizens asked to speak.

IV. Operations Reports
A. Ellis House & Equestrian Center – The committee reviewed the Ellis report. Nineteen weddings are currently scheduled for 2013. There were 43 riding lessons and 4 birthday parties in February.
B. Education Programs – Natural Beginnings and the regular education programs are going well. Staff led a teacher workshop regarding the New Generation Science Standards and will be partnering with other organizations to develop means to meet the new standards.
C. Grounds & Natural Resources – The committee reviewed this report. Snow removal, invasive brush control, stocking up on firewood, and maintenance were highlights for the month.
D. Natural Area Volunteer Program – Jody is becoming more involved in tapping into the resources and knowledge of other volunteer efforts in the area. NAV volunteers put in 133.5 hours in February, including a brush removal workday at Jay Woods Forest Preserve.
E. Director Report – January projects included electric and natural gas quotes, updating volunteer documents, organizing staff trainings, final Baker Woods Trail grant report, Forest Foundation projects, and the spring newsletter.

V. Finance Report
A. Financial Reports – Director Pettit briefly went over the finance report.
B. Capital Budget – The committee reviewed the capital budget.

VI. Reservation Policy
Pettit described the how the Boy Scouts of America have changed their process of approving tour permits for scout outings. Staff is recommending that tour permits no longer be required for Boy Scout outings. No
similar permit is required of any other group using District facilities. The Boy Scouts would still be required to provide a certificate of insurance.

Commissioner Purcell moved to amend the reservation policies to eliminate the tour permit requirement. Commissioner Cullick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VII. Farm License
Farm licenses for the Millington property and the hay fields at Baker Woods Forest Preserve should be ready for the next committee meeting.

VIII. Executive Session – Land Acquisition
Commissioner Prochaska moved to enter into executive session at 6:15 pm. for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including meetings held for purposes of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Commissioner Cullick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Commissioner Prochaska moved to come out of executive session at 6:41 pm. Commissioner Purcell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

IX. Other items of business
There were no other items of business.

X. Adjournment
Commissioner Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. Commissioner Prochaska seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Pettit
Director