I. **Call to Order**  
President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**  
Present by roll call and constituting a quorum was: Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, and Jeff Wehrli.

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

IV. **Operations Reports**  
   A. **Ellis House & Equestrian Center** – The committee reviewed the Ellis report. Wehrli noted that the possibility of the District leasing a tent was discussed at the Ellis Ad-hoc Committee and will be discussed at a Finance meeting.
   
   B. **Education Programs** – Natural Beginnings and the regular education programs are going well. Summer camp registration for most camps has been strong, a few camps still have openings. A few of the staff begin Master Naturalist training through the University of Illinois Extension in April. Spring school groups have began at Hoover and Harris Forest Preserves.
   
   C. **Grounds & Natural Resources** – The committee reviewed this report. Staff spend considerable time in March with snow removal. Other projects included work on Neshnabe’k, controlled burns, trail maintenance, and brush removal.

   D. **Natural Area Volunteer Program** – Annual training for volunteers to use herbicides was held in March. Volunteers assisted staff with two controlled burns. Jody appeared with University of Illinois Extension staff on WSPY to promote the Master Naturalist training.

   E. **Director Report** – March projects included creating a medication policy for summer camp attendees, work on the Master Plan project, working to finish off a couple of outstanding issues with Meadowhawk Lodge, and assisting with various programs and events.

V. **Finance Report**  
   A. **Financial Reports** – Director Pettit briefly went over the finance report.

   B. **Capital Budget** – The committee reviewed the capital budget.

   C. **Bonds** – Wendy Flaherty, Director of Public Finance for Fifth Third Securities, gave a presentation regarding the Series 2009 bonds that could be reissued. Flaherty went over the District bonding situation, levy information, and the bond market. She answered a number of questions from the committee.

VI. **Executive Session**
Commissioner Prochaska moved to enter into executive session at 6:55 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; and for the purpose of litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been file and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when a public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. 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 7:17 pm. Commissioner Cullick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

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

VIII. Adjournment
Commissioner Cesich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Commissioner Purcell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Pettit
Director