I. Call to Order
President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call
Present by roll call and constituting a quorum was: Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, 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 monthly report. The Barn Manager position is posted until February 28 and should be filled by the end of March.

Commissioner Amy Cesich arrived at 5:15 pm.

B. Education Programs – The report covered school programs, Natural Beginnings, summer camp prep, and other programs.

C. Grounds & Natural Resources – Snow removal, natural areas restoration, sled hill clean-up, and equipment repairs were highlights this month. Mike Pierson at Hoover FP will be getting certified to operate the lagoon system, which will save considerable dollars each year.

D. Natural Area Volunteer Program – NAVs contributed 1785 hours in 2013, up 13% from 2012. The January workday was cancelled due to extreme cold.

E. Reservation Report – The committee reviewed the monthly report showing facility usage at the preserves and Historic Courthouse.

F. Director Report – Updates were given on a number of projects. A RFQ will be sent out for a sign for Meadowhawk Lodge.

V. Review of Quotes for:
A. Water System at Hoover Forest Preserve
The committee was updated on the leak of the water tank at Hoover FP by Mike Pierson and possible remedies. One quote has been received for a drive motor that will supply enough pressure for the system without needing a tank. The quote was from Fluid Technologies for $7447. Another quote should be received in the next
few days. The committee discussed also replacing the pump at this time, but the consensus was to wait.

B. Concrete at Ellis House & Equestrian Center
The committee reviewed quotes for concrete work at Ellis House. Commissioner Prochaska moved to approve and forward to the full Commission the quote from McCaslin Concrete Construction for $7300. Commissioner Gryder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

C. Storage Container at Ellis House & Equestrian Center
The committee reviewed quotes for the purchase of a storage container for Ellis House. Commissioner Gryder moved to approve the quote from Great Lakes Kwik Space for $3358. Commissioner Prochaska seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VI. Forest Preserve Committees Discussion
The committee discussed the set-up and responsibilities of the various FP committees. The Finance Committee is undertaking a general revision of the FP budget and tracking of revenues and expenses. The consensus of the committee was that the Ellis Ad-hoc Committee should be transformed into a permanent committee with a wider focus, possible renaming it the Operations Committee. Holding a Committee of the Whole meeting on an as needed basis was discussed. Creating a general list of the responsibilities of each committee was discussed. The committee discussed having all fees approved by the full commission and having a fee schedule reviewed annually.

Commissioner Prochaska left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

VII. Special Event Application – Yorkville High School Cross County
The committee reviewed a Special Event Application for the Yorkville High School Cross County invitational at Hoover FP on August 25, 2014. Commissioner Purcell moved to approve the special event permit. Commissioner Gryder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

VIII. Executive Session
Commissioner Purcell moved to enter into executive session at 7:20 pm for the purpose of 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 Cullick moved to come out of executive session at 7:36 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 Cullick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Commissioner Purcell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Pettit
Director