Members Present: Karen Hawk, Don Terras, Ann McMahon, Paul D'Agostino, Alderman Jane Grover

Members Absent: Maureen Conway, Pam Elesh, Erica Granchalek

Guests: David Guran, 1452 Oak Ave., Apt. 1S

Committee Member Reports

Lighthouse Park District
Don Terras stated the Lighthouse would be formally open this summer on Saturday s and Sunday s through September (except Holidays) with tours at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00PM. Tours can also be added by appointment as well. He also stated that the Lighthouse Park District had received a mini-grant in the amount of $500 to install handrails on the front steps, which he anticipates will be installed in late July. The Park District has also added exterior lighting on the building to address safety concerns based on a previous break-in attempt.

Garden Club of Evanston
Ann McMahon reported that there were lots of new plants coming up in the Wildflower Garden since the large tree was lost last fall due to the newer sunny conditions. The Butterfly garden has been planted, and seems to be doing very well.

Ecology Center
Karen Hawk stated that summer camps had started today and would run through August 18. The Explorers camp is completely full, and would be on site every day with 4th and 5th graders in attendance, and has a completely reformed curriculum from previous years. She also stated that there would be four overnight campouts and four teen campfires over the summer, and she will forward the dates of these to the Committee. City staff completed the painting of the Foghouse interiors prior to the start of camps as well.

Neighborhood Issues
Ann McMahon reported some recent fireworks being set off from the beach on June 6, which seemed to be professionally staged. Neither staff nor the Alderman knew if this was a sanctioned event, but would investigate.
**Evanston Parks/Forestry**  
Paul D’Agostino reported that a volunteer cleanup and planting of Noah’s Playground was scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend and went very well. He indicated that there are several Ash trees recently removed due to an infestation of Emerald Ash Borers, plus a Cottonwood had blown down during a recent storm. He will work on getting these new stumps, as well as several old ones on the grounds removed soon. He also said that the grotto would be turned on soon, and he will have the dumpster removed since it is no longer needed for the Art Center’s move-out.

**Alderman Grover**  
The Alderman told the Committee that there was an event this Sunday at the Shakespeare Garden to recognize the Evanston Garden Club.

**Public Comments**  
See attached document handed out by Mr. Guran.

**Next Meeting: September 9, 2015**