1. Call to Order

Chair Gelfund called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

Chair Gelfund led the Commission in the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Mark Bonner, Antonio Costantino, Donald Gelfund, Claude Petit, Scott Troiani, Public Works Director Ashley Engelmann, Officer Michael Knapp, Village Engineer James Amelio, and Chief Robert LaMantia were present.

Commissioners James Lee and Georjean Nickell were absent.

4. Report by Chair

Chair Gelfund reported on the retirement of Public Works Director Manuel Castaneda after 35 years of dedicated service to the Village. Manny formerly served as a staff liaison to the Streets and Alleys Committee and later to the Traffic Commission. Chair Gelfund thanked Manny for his many years of professional service. Ms. Ashley Engelmann was recently appointed the new Public Works Director.

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Troiani moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2014. Commissioner Costantino seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Harding Ave. and Lincoln Ave. Intersection Review, Line of Sight, Mr. Amelio

Mr. Amelio visited the site and agrees the intersection left turn is a little challenging. He requested time to review additional data. Commissioner Bonner made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Troiani seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
b. Pratt Ave. and Navajo Ave. Intersection Review, Four Way Stop Request, Ms. Engelmann

Staff followed-up on to a request for a four way stop sign. Staff inspected the intersection, reached out to the Village of Skokie Engineering Department, improved the line-of-sight by trimming bushes in the parkway, reviewed a three year history of crash data, requested traffic calming devices in the FY 2015-16 Budget, and requested the matter be tabled pending further review. Commissioner Troiani made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Petit seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Central Ave. and Dowagiac, and Central Ave. and Ionia Ave. Turn Restrictions, Chief LaMantia

Chief LaMantia reported that the intersection and signal upgrade to the intersection will be complete in a few weeks, staff will conduct a traffic study in the spring, and requested the matter be tabled. Commissioner Bonner made a motion to table the matter until May, 2015. Commissioner Bonner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. New Business

a. Chief LaMantia reported on a request by the School District to restrict parking on the east side of East Prairie Ave. from Pratt Ave. north to Morse Ave from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days to be consistent with the restrictions in the area. Commissioner Bonner made a motion to recommend the restrictions to the Village Board. Commissioner Troiani seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Chief LaMantia reported on a request by the School District to restrict parking on the west side of East Prairie Ave. from Farwell Ave. north to Morse Ave. from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days to be consistent with the general restrictions in the area. Commissioner Bonnor made a motion to recommend the restrictions to the Village Board. Commissioner Troiani seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Chief LaMantia reported on a request by the School District to restrict parking on the south side of Lunt Ave. from East Prairie Ave. to 125’ east to be consistent with the general restrictions in the area. Commissioner Costantino made a motion to recommend the restrictions to the Village Board. Commissioner Petit seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

d. Chief LaMantia reported on a request by the School District to restrict parking on the north side of Lunt Ave. from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days to be consistent with general
restrictions in the area. Commissioner Bonner made a motion to recommend the restrictions to the Village Board. Commissioner Troiani seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

e. Chief LaMantia reported on a request by the owner of Domicile Furniture to restrict parking on the north side of Lunt Ave. from 205’ to 230’ east of the east curb line on Ridgeway Ave. to allow easier access to the loading lock. Commissioner Troiani made a motion to approve the recommendation to the Village Board. Commissioner Petit seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Public Forum

None

9. Report by Staff

a. Ms. Engelmann provided a status report and answered questions regarding the reconstruction of Crawford Ave.

b. Ms. Engelmann provided a status report and answered questions regarding intersections improvements at the intersection of Pratt Ave. and Central Ave.

c. Chief LaMantia provided a status report on a traffic study requested by the residents of 4601 W. Touhy Ave.

d. Mr. Amelio reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation has no sidewalk improvement plans in the 2016 Budget for the area around 4711 W. Touhy Ave.

e. Ms. Engelmann reported that the Urban Land Institute recently completed a study regarding a streetscape plan for Devon Ave. between McCormick Blvd. and Ridgeway Ave.

f. Chief LaMantia reported that there is no change to Airoom’s request for Designated Parkway Parking. No date has been set to present their proposal to the Village Board.

g. Ms. Engelmann reported on the Public Works preparation for snow removal over the winter months. She reminded the Commission of the Alternate Side Parking Ordinance.

10. Commissioner Costantino made a motion to approve the 2015 meeting dates. Commissioner Petit seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
11. Public Forum

None

12. Good of the Order

None

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Troiani moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Commissioner Bonner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.