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## Minutes

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| <b>COMMISSION:</b> | Recreation | <b>DATE:</b>            | February 18, 2009  |
| <b>MEETING:</b>    | Regular    | <b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b> | 7:34 PM  |
| <b>QUORUM:</b>     | Yes        | <b>ADJOURNED:</b>       | 8:34 PM  |
| <b>ATTENDANCE:</b> |            | <b>PRESENT:</b>         | Chairman Girsch;<br>Commissioners Cavanagh,<br>Dwyer, Forman, Power, Rosley;<br>Trustee Liaison Thorsell;<br>Recreation Director Pekarek |
|                    |            | <b>ABSENT:</b>          | Commissioner Gallagher   |

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Cavanagh moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Forman. Motion carried.

### **III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RECREATION COMMISSIONER**

Scott Power welcomed as new Recreation Commissioner.

### **IV. STANDING REPORTS**

#### **A. MANAGER REPORT**

##### Programmed Golf

Director Pekarek reported startling growth in programmed golf such as leagues, junior camps and adult schools over the past three to four years, resulting in Village Links having the most programmed golf competition and lesson offering in the state of Illinois.

##### Non-Profit Fundraising

Non-profit fundraising introduced as a new program for 2009. Brochures detailing the program options of weekend evening golf outings and golf rebate days were provided to all Recreation Commission members and are available online and at the Village Links. Golf outings can generate a donation to the non-profit of up to \$1,000, while rebate days provide a 10% donation of green fees, food and beverage, and driving range balls spent by supporters on a specific date.

Chairman Girsch commented that an increase of play on the front nine will cause a decline in the condition of the fairways due to more divots and suggested that divots be filled more frequently on the front nine holes. Director Pekarek will discuss frequency of maintenance (filling in divots) with the grounds crew.

### Purchasing

\$400,000 in capital purchases will be presented to Village Board in April. Purchases are primarily for outdated equipment needed to maintain the course. Replacing this equipment will improve greens quality and reduce maintenance and repair expenses.

### January Weather – Last 10 Years

In follow up to a discussion at the January 2009 meeting regarding the use of the Village Links for cross-country skiing, Director Pekarek noted January weather statistics for the past 10 years. Only 40% of the days recorded high temperatures under 30 degrees; 60% of the days recorded temperatures of 30 degrees and higher; and 30% of the days recorded temperatures over 40 degrees. A minimal amount of snowfall occurred during the month of January in five of the 10 years.

### 2009 Pre-Season Registration

Registration for the 2009 Permanent Time Drawing is underway with two weekends left. It is too soon to tell if registration will be lower than previous years due to current economic conditions.

### Other

Commissioner Rosley asked what actions are being taken as a result of last year's customer survey. Director Pekarek responded that discussions have occurred with staff and changes are in place.

- The "Keep Pace" program is being revised;
- Beverage cart will be out more and sales will be monitored;
- Sand has been added to every bunker on the 9-hole course;
- Greens were reshaped on the 9-hole course;
- Over 100,000 ball marks were repaired in 2008;
- Food service is trying to improve the menu with themed options and healthier choices.

## **B. FINANCIAL**

Commissioner Rosley reported that while January is a slow month financially, the number of resident cards sold is up 13% from January 2008. Pro Shop sales are down 58% but food service sales are up 24%.

## **C. TRUSTEE LIAISON**

Trustee Liaison Thorsell reported that the Village of Glen Ellyn is upgrading its ambulance service. Two new ambulances will be purchased rather provided by the ambulance service, resulting in lower cost. The contract with paramedic service has not been approved. The budget has not been approved. Discussion then occurred regarding the proposed home rule sales tax that will be the topic of a forum on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Trustee Liaison Thorsell asked for the commission's opinion on the sales tax. Commissioner Forman suggested that marketing the fact that Glen Ellyn's sales tax is lower than Wheaton's and other neighboring towns may bring more business to the area, eliminating the need for the sales tax increase.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Dwyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM, seconded by Commissioner Forman. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Karen Korabik

Reviewed and revised by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director on March 12, 2009

Approved by the Recreation Commission March 18, 2009