

Minutes

COMMISSION:	Recreation	DATE:	March 18, 2009
MEETING:	Regular	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:33 PM
QUORUM:	Yes	ADJOURNED:	8:37 PM
ATTENDANCE:		PRESENT:	Chairman Girsch; Commissioners Cavanagh, Dwyer, Forman, Rosley; Trustee Liaison Thorsell; Recreation Director Pekarek; Food Service Manager Atkins
		ABSENT:	Commissioners Gallagher, Power

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rosley moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Dwyer. Motion carried.

III. FOOD SERVICE MANAGER REPORT

Food Service Manager, Mike Atkins, reported on food operations and plans for the 2009 season. Menu changes include the addition of new sandwiches and salads and Monday through Friday daily specials. In addition to the daily specials, vitamin water and new beer and wine selections, including a beer of the month, are being added to the menu. Other changes include having the beverage cart available earlier on Saturday and Sunday (7:00 AM).

Mr. Atkins reported the Friday Fish Fry has been successful. Food sales overall for 2008 are up 1% and expenses are down 3%. Two-for-one coupons were distributed through a third party direct mail program. Coupons have been included on the website for past three years with little response. Coupons use is restricted on Friday nights and other busy nights in order provide faster service to customers.

IV. STANDING REPORTS

A. MANAGER REPORT

No Signs of Economic Disaster

Director Pekarek reported that 858 foursomes participated in the Permanent Tee Time Drawing on March 4, compared to 86 foursomes in 2008. To date, 82 Permanent Tee Times were retained, about the same number as last year. Resident card sales are up 22% through February, due in large part to favorable weather. These signs point to 2009 possibly being a relatively normal golf season, despite the broader national economic downturn.

2009 Season – Golf Course is Open

The 2009 season has opened three weeks earlier than 2008. The 9-hole course opened on March 6 (vs. March 24, 2008); the driving range opened on March 9; and the 18-hole course opened on March 16 (vs. April 7, 2008). Rentals for motorized carts began Saturday, March 14 (vs. April 5, 2008).

Storm Water Detention System & Bunkers

Director Pekarek reported that there were three floods this winter: just after Christmas, the end of February and first week of March. February 2009 was the wettest February since 1997. The ground was frozen so the impact of the rain was significant. Bunkers were in poor condition due to the storms. Seasonal staff has been working on resolving this issue by shoveling sand, with 50% of the 18-hole course already completed.

Aeration Experiment

The 18-hole putting green and greens on holes 2 and 3 (of the 18-hole course) were aerated after the course closed on November 9, 2008. To help them recover, the greens were covered approximately three weeks ago, raising the soil temperature 4 – 10 degrees on each green and speeding up spring growth.

Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer was recently discovered in Glen Ellyn. Three hundred of the 450 ash trees at the Village Links were treated in 2008 with an insecticide that provides at least two years of protection from the Emerald Ash Borer. Ongoing university industry research will determine if this treatment will remain effective beyond the initial two years.

B. MANAGER REPORT

Commissioner Rosley reported that Resident Card sales for February are up 24% over 2008.

C. TRUSTEE LIAISON

Trustee Liaison Thorsell reported that over 150 Ash Trees have been treated against the Emerald Ash Borer. Director Pekarek was commended on the environmental initiatives that have been in effect at the Village Links since the early 1990's.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Forman reported that two new baseball fields have been built at Village Green Park. Each team will assign a maintenance person to take care of the field before and after each game. To maintain the integrity of the field, instruction has been given to each team to not use the field when it is not suitable for play.

Next meeting scheduled for April 15, 2009.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dwyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM, seconded by Commissioner Forman. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Karen Korabik

Reviewed and edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director April 11, 2009

Approved by the Recreation Commission April 15, 2009