

Minutes

COMMISSION:	Recreation	DATE:	April 15, 2009
MEETING:	Regular	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:30 PM
QUORUM:	Yes	ADJOURNED:	8:15 PM
ATTENDANCE:		PRESENT:	Chairman Girsch; Commissioners Cavanagh, Dwyer, Forman, Gallagher, Power; Trustee Liaison Thorsell; Recreation Director Pekarek; Golf Director Jeff Vesevick
		ABSENT:	Commissioners Rosley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

III. STANDING REPORTS

A. MANAGER REPORT

784 Glen Ellyn residents have purchased a 2009 Resident Card, up 23% from 2008. Following the permanent tee time draw, 79 foursomes have registered with permanent tee times for 2009, with an additional five foursomes using combo times, playing the back 9 holes of the 18-hole course and the 9-hole course. March rounds of golf are up 379% from 2008; year-to-date rounds are up 296%; green fee revenues are up 906% in March; driving range revenues are up 195%. Director Pekarek reported that while the early season revenue is welcome, it will have virtually no impact on results for 2009.

B. TRUSTEE LIAISON

Trustee Liaison Thorsell reported that the Village Board has approved the purchase of new equipment for the golf course including walking and riding greens mowers, sprayer, greens aerifier, fairway mower, triplex trimmer, bunker rake and turf truckster with dump.

The Village Recycling Event, which will include electronic recycling this year, will take place at the commuter parking lot on April 25, from 8:00 AM – Noon.

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be reconstructing the bridge over the east branch of the DuPage River. The bridge and Prairie Path will be closed.

Paramedic contracts have been approved. Four paramedics (two on north side, two on south side) will be available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Fire chief will host an open house for anyone interested in viewing the new ambulances.

Trustee Liaison Thorsell advised that this was her last meeting and that a new Village Board board will be taking over beginning in May.

IV. REPORT OF GOLF DIVISION OPERATIONS AND PLANS FOR 2009

Jeff Vesevick, Director of Golf, reported that in spite of the economic conditions, the decision was made to not eliminate any programs for 2009. In addition, new programs have been added including leagues on week night evenings (except Thursday) and after school leagues for high school age persons. It is anticipated that the new week night evening leagues will generate \$98,000 in revenues for the Village Links.

Other changes for 2009 include a reconfiguration of the family locker room which will provide improved security and physical appearance; a bi-monthly e-mail news blast which includes golf tips and information about Village Links (i.e., renovations, availability on weekend mornings, etc.); a re-design of the Keep Pace program with rangers driving around the golf course; and divot mix bottles available on the first tee.

Mr. Vesevick also announced the hiring of two new assistant golf professionals for a total of 7 PGA members. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit of having golf professionals available to provide tips and answer specific golf questions.

In summary, the Village Links staff will offer 72 adult golf schools, 36 adult group lessons, 75 junior day camps, 60 junior golf lesson classes, 5 free golf clinics, 75 days of golf events, 172 in-house league events and 123 outside league events. Commissioner Cavanagh commended Jeff and his staff for the great job they are doing in continuing to provide these programs.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2009 at the Village Links Maintenance Building.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Forman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Cavanagh. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Karen Korabik

Reviewed and edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director May 15, 2009

Corrected and Approved by the Recreation Commission May 20, 2009