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Minutes

COMMISSION:	Recreation	DATE:	May 20, 2009
MEETING:	Regular	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:32 PM
QUORUM:	Yes	ADJOURNED:	8:36 PM
ATTENDANCE:		PRESENT:	Chairman Girsch; Commissioners Cavanagh, Forman, Power; Trustee Liaison Cooper; Recreation Director Pekarek; Director of Golf Jeff Vesevick; Golf Course Superintendent Chris Pekarek
		ABSENT:	Commissioners Dwyer, Gallagher, Rosley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. at the Village Links Maintenance Center.

II. WELCOME TO NEW TRUSTEE LIAISON

Chairman Girsch welcomed new Trustee Liaison Peter Cooper.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Liaison Cooper commented that the year in the first statement of the Manager's Report from the April 15, 2009 minutes should be 2009 rather than 2008.

Commissioner Cavanagh moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2009, with the correction mentioned above, seconded by Commissioner Forman. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING REPORTS

A. MANAGER REPORT

April was a poor month for golf due to rain or low temperatures for much of the month. Poor weather conditions affected the maintenance on the course. 18-hole play was down 6% while 9-hole play was down 15%.

- Weekend permanent times began on April 11th.
- Four week-night 9-hole golf leagues began in April with a fifth league scheduled to begin in May.
- The new Monday "Over 50 Men's League" began April 20th with 16 golfers signed up to play.
- New junior golf league got underway with 10 juniors scheduled to play twice a week for two months.

Chairman Girsch asked how the restaurant theme night menus will be promoted. Director Pekarek said that they will be promoted through the newsletter, the website, e-News email blasts and signs in the clubhouse.

Director Pekarek reported that coupons were distributed to approximately 70,000 residences in April. This program helps generate business for the Village Links Grill, the driving range and the 9-hole course.

Croquet will be played at the Village Links during the "Have One on Us" weekend of June 19-20, 2009. Croquet will be set up on the large putting green on June 19, after 5:00 PM, and on June 20, between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Rosley was absent but Director Pekarek reported that green fee revenue was down 7% during April but is up 18% for the year. Motorized cart revenue was down 8% in April but is up 17% for the year. Driving range sales were down 14% during April but up 12% for the season. Resident card sales are up 1% for the year.

C. TRUSTEE LIAISON

Trustee Liaison Cooper reported that more village board meetings will be broadcast on Monday evenings providing opportunity for discussing issues such as zoning variances, etc.

Gypsy Moth spraying will take place in May via helicopter.

Trustee Liaison Cooper reported that due to a \$400,000 shortfall, a new 1% home rule sales tax will go into effect on July 1, 2009. This will raise the sales tax rate to 8.25%. Auto purchases, prescription drugs and groceries are not affected by this increase. Discussion ensued regarding the home rule tax.

V. REPORT ON GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Golf Course Superintendent Chris Pekarek provided the report on grounds maintenance plans for 2009.

Challenges for 2009 Season:

- Ongoing realignment of responsibilities for full time staff due to loss of three full time staff members at the end of 2006 and two full time staff members during the 2007 season.
- Maintaining high-level maintenance standards with less golf revenue.
- Operating with an aging infrastructure and equipment even though \$300,000 was recently spent on new equipment.
- Remaining vigilant in protecting the course from the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth.

Initiatives for 2009 Season:

- Filling ballmarks with green sand using new Greensmate tool.
- Use of five new Flex 21 Walking Greens Mowers for the 18-hole course.
- Use of vibratory rollers on all putting greens. This process can be used occasionally in place of mowing, making greens smoother and faster.
- Use of triplex mower on approaches to the greens which will improve turf conditions.
- Use of high speed spiking system on greens twice a month.
- Use of new vinyl shrink wrap for bunker rake handles to extend the life of the rakes.
- Use of liners in all litter caddies throughout the course.

- Use of small containers on Par 3 course for broken tees.
- Use of microfiber towels on ball washers in place of disposable towels.
- Signage added inviting golfers to contact the maintenance department with any comments or questions.

Commissioner Forman asked about divot mix bottles for golfers using hand carts. Superintendent Pekarek responded that these bottles can be found on racks at the starter stands on the 18-hole and 9-hole courses.

Chairman Girsch questioned the status of the sand bunker at the practice green. Superintendent Pekarek responded that the bunker renovation has been disrupted by rainy weather and soft ground conditions. The bunker face is being enlarged and the face is being lowered to its original size. Drainage is being added. Five days of dry soil conditions are needed in order to complete the work.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting scheduled for June 17, 2009.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Forman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM, seconded by Commissioner Cavanagh. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Karen Korabik, Secretary

Reviewed and edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director June 12, 2009

Approved by the Recreation Commission June 17, 2009