

## Minutes

<b>COMMISSION:</b>	Recreation	<b>DATE:</b>	July 15, 2009
<b>MEETING:</b>	Regular	<b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b>	7:07 PM
<b>QUORUM:</b>	Yes	<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	8:46 PM
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>		<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chairman Girsch; Commissioners Dwyer, Forman, Gallagher, Power; Trustee Liaison Cooper; Recreation Director Pekarek
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Glen Ellyn Civic Center	<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioners Cavanagh, Rosley

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

Chairman Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

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

Commissioner Power moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Forman. Motion carried.

### **III. STANDING REPORTS**

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

June 2009 was the worst June for golf since the Village Links expanded to 27 holes in 1976. An all time low 11,312 rounds of golf were played during the month. Management continues to look for ways to cut expenses without making it obvious to the customer. Discussion ensued regarding the financial status of other golf courses in the area.

Director Pekarek reported that the Village Links celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Swingin' Set ladies' league with an anniversary lunch. Positive feedback was received from league members. Chairman Girsch commented that she is a member of this league and that many of the 135 members are non-residents. The fact that the team is self-managed has attributed to their success.

There was a discussion on the possibility of moving the driving range markers to the back of the tee early in the morning after a rain.

Commissioner Gallagher asked about the plan for removing dead trees. If a tree poses a safety threat, it is removed immediately. Otherwise, trees that are out of the way are removed as staff is available. This allows the crew to focus their efforts on the more important playing areas of the course – greens, tees, fairways, bunkers, etc.

Commissioner Gallagher reported on comments received from players in the Wednesday Over 60 group including a suggestion to install a drinking fountain on the third tee. Director Pekarek stated that there is no convenient water line available in that area. He will look into this further. Additional discussion occurred regarding other options for drinking water at the third tee.

Discussion occurred regarding the recent installation of a new auxiliary air conditioner in the restaurant. Director Pekarek commented that the air conditioner is similar to a very large window unit. It helps maintain cooler air in the clubhouse on warm temperature days. This addition seems to have improved a long standing problem.

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

In the absence of a financial report from Commissioner Rosley who was not in attendance, Director Pekarek noted that golf rounds in June were down 15% and are down 6% for the year. Green fee income was down 12% and is down 2% for the year. Motorized cart rentals were down 7% in June and 2% for the year. Driving range sales were down 16% in June and are down 3% for the season.

Payroll costs for the month of June were approximately \$160,000.

Pro Shop sales continue to trend down, so fewer items are being purchased for resale.

**C. TRUSTEE LIAISON**

Trustee Liaison Cooper reported that the Village Board voted to extend the contract of Manager Jones through May 2013.

A Finance Commission is being created and the final downtown plan will be presented at the meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Commonwealth Edison will speak to the Village Board regarding power issues.

A new police command vehicle was purchased with proceeds from drug enforcement proceeds.

**IV. POSSIBLE SPRING SPECIAL FOR 2010**

Director Pekarek reported that the staff is considering a special for spring 2010. The goal is to attract golfers from outside the existing customer base. Open to both residents and non-residents, the 2010 Spring Special would allow a customer to play unlimited free weekday golf in April and half price weekday golf in May for a flat fee of \$175.00.

Questions arose whether someone could play more than one round per day when the weather in April is good, as well as the effect this special could have on the VIP program. Director Pekarek responded that a discounted VIP pass could be offered for June, July and August. Overall the feedback was positive, with the feeling that it would be a good way to stimulate interest in golf and extend the season.

This item was presented for discussion so that the staff could formalize this special and publicize it later in 2009. The 2010 green fee structure will be discussed at the October 21 Recreation Commission meeting.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Next meeting scheduled for August 19, 2009.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Dwyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM, seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Karen Korabik

Reviewed and revised by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director, August 14, 2009

Approved by the Recreation Commission September 16, 2009