

MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Recreation

DATE: November 17, 2009

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:31 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Girsch,
Commissioners Forman,
Rosley, Cavanagh, Gallagher,
Power, Recreation Director
Pekarek

ABSENT: Commissioner Dwyer

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee Liaison Cooper
Recording Secretary Kornblith

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dwyer moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009 seconded by Commissioner Rosley. Motion carried.

III. STANDING REPORTS

A. MANAGER REPORT

Recreation Director Pekarek reported that October was a very poor month for golf. Rounds were down 32% due to poor weather. Revenue was down 42%

The poor weather slowed the recovery from green aeration. Conditions were such that the 25% green fee discount that was put into effect for the week following aeration was kept in place for the balance of the season.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Rosley summarized the financial status through October.

C. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Liaison Peter Cooper reported on Village Board activities. The Downtown Strategic Plan was accepted. The Village and Library Tax Levies were approved for next year. The Village Board will consider the 2010 Village Links user fees at their next meeting.

IV. RECREATION DEPARTMENT POLICY UPDATE

Director Pekarek presented the proposed update to the Recreation Department Policy Statement. The Policy Statement was first written by the Recreation Commission and adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in 1988. Since then it has been updated periodically as necessary. The updated version reflects policy changes that were discussed in detail during the review of proposed 2010 User Fees at the October 21, 2009 Recreation Commission meeting. The major policies impacted by the proposed changes are:

- **Policy on Junior Age Limit**
The maximum age to qualify for Junior fees would be increased from age 18 to age 21.
- **Policy on Groups and Outings**
The policy on Groups and Outings is being relaxed to allow such play to be scheduled in advance, with the intent of avoiding prime times. Price could be negotiated to maximize revenue.

Motion:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the revised Recreation Department Policy Statement . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavanagh and carried with six (6) “yes” and (0) “no” votes.

The Village Board of Trustees will consider adopting the updated Recreation Department Policy Statement at their November 23, 2009 meeting.

V. NON-GOLF REVENUE STUDY

Village President Pfefferman and Village Manager Jones have asked the Recreation Commission to develop recommendations on ways that the Village Links could generate new revenues, with a particular focus on non-golf revenues.

The Commission discussed this in detail. All agreed that this is a challenging assignment. Some members felt that this would not be productive, bordering on make-work.

Director Pekarek indicated that he had applied to a University of Illinois-Chicago program that looks for group projects for their Public Administration masters degree students to work on. Work would begin in January 2010 if this project was accepted. Such a project could be independent of the Recreation Commission's effort or it could in conjunction with the Recreation Commission.

Director Pekarek also suggested that it might help for the Commission to have a summary of various revenue generating ideas that have been considered at the Village Links over its history. He said that he would prepare that summary for the January 20, 2010 meeting of the Commission. Commissioner Rosley suggested that it would be helpful to include the year that each idea was studied.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Girsch announced that the December meeting will be canceled and that the next meeting will be Wednesday January 20, 2010.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Forman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Gallagher.

Submitted by: Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director January 15, 2010

Revised by: Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director February 12, 2010

Approved by the Recreation Commission February 17, 2010