

Minutes

BOARD/COMMISSION: Recreation

DATE: July 21, 2010

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:38 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Girsch,
Commissioners
Cornwell, Rosley,
Cavanagh, Dwyer, Noel,
Schumann

ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: Recreation Director
Pekarek, Trustee Cooper

Call to Order

Chairman Girsch called the Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. on July 21, 2010.

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes of the June 16th, 2010 Meeting of the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Dwyer motioned for the approval of the minutes from June 16th, 2010. Commissioner Cornwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Reports

Manager – Matt Pekarek

Mr. Pekarek stated June was an okay month. Play and revenue for the month was down from the previous year. The “Have One On Us” customer appreciation event was held in June. Attendance was good despite the wet weather. The weather has been hotter than in years past. He stated that the grass is stressed due to severe weather and high temperatures. Conditions may worsen if this weather continues. He stated the Village Links is benefiting from changes to the course that took place during the 2004 renovation.

Commissioner Rosley asked if the Weekday Special Green Fee before 10:00 AM for golfers over age 60 have been effective. Mr. Pekarek stated it has had virtually no effect at all on the number of rounds played. General discussion took place regarding what could be done to increase the number of rounds played during this time period. Commissioner Rosley questioned if there is a lot of awareness regarding this discount for seniors. Mr. Pekarek stated this has been marketed

through the newsletter, e blasts, website, at the course and through mass market coupon envelope mailed to 20,000 nearby residences. General discussion took place on additional platforms that could be used to market this discount. Mr. Pekarek stated the industry is chasing a smaller number of golfers each year and he expects some golf courses may charge \$20 for 18 holes of golf and a cart in the future.

Commissioner Noel questioned if the costs were the same despite the number of people playing on the course. Mr. Pekarek stated this is true for the most part. He mentioned shoveling sand bunkers after a storm, as an example of an expense that does not vary with the number of rounds played.

Commissioner Cavanagh questioned how the junior golf numbers are trending. Mr. Pekarek stated the age of children in the programs are generally getting younger and the numbers are improving slightly since one day camps were added 3 years ago.

Chairman Girsch said that she would like the staff to wear nametags. Mr. Pekarek stated he will have that done.

Financial – Commissioner Rosley

Commissioner Rosley stated revenue is roughly even compared to last year's revenue at this point. Discussion arose regarding the formula for determining overhead costs and other line items in the summary sheet provided by staff.

Trustee Liaison – Peter Cooper

Hill Avenue Bridge Discussion – Trustee Cooper provided a summary from discussion from the last meeting, the survey results, and stated nobody wanted to pay the repair costs, but the survey also found that residents felt the bridge was a valuable asset to the community. Village revenues are trending downward. State income tax revenue is down 17% compared to the previous year and the state is running 5 months behind on payments. Sales tax is about flat compared to the Village's projections along with property tax and budget cuts may be needed if this trend continues.

Manner Woods Discussion – Trustee Cooper summarized the Village Board's discussion. The property is 21 acres, near Lincoln school, and is owned by the Village. He discussed the history of the piece of land and the recent need for funds to remove dead trees and to restore the path for residents to use again. He stated this item will be up for discussion in future meetings.

Commissioner Girsch questioned where this money will come from to fund the payment to repair the bridge. Trustee Cooper stated most likely capital improvement projects will be deferred until the next year to pay for bridge repairs. General discussion took place regarding the impact this will have on the Village and how this will save wear and tear on other streets throughout the Village that would need to be used if the bridge was closed.

Old Business

Commissioner Cornwell summarized the recent steering committee. He stated short term and long term items were looked at to make recommendations to the Village Board. He stated the committee agreed that the committee would need roughly one year in order to complete their report. General discussion took place over the recruitment of members for this committee and

other free resources that could be utilized during this study. Steering Committee Member Craig Pryde introduced himself and provided information that could be used during the steering committee study. Mr. Pekarek stated funding would be available to utilize Mr. Pryde after a scope of work has been developed. Commissioner Cornwell stated another meeting will take place on August 9th at the Village Links golf course and the committee will be very busy over the next year. General discussion took place over the different types of experts that will be needed for this committee.

Announcements and Other Business

No announcements were made.

Confirmation of Next Meeting

Chairman Girsch stated the next scheduled meeting will be held on July 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Girsch asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Cornwell motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Schumann seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Ragona

Reviewed and edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director August 12, 2010

Approved by the Recreation Commission August 18, 2010