

Minutes

BOARD/COMMISSION: Recreation

DATE: August 18, 2010

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:36 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:52 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Cornwell,
Schuman, Rosley, Cavanagh

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

ABSENT: Commissioners Dwyer,
Noel, Chairman Girsch

ALSO PRESENT: Recreation Director
Pekarek, Trustee Thorsell

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Rosley called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2010 Meeting of the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Cornwell motioned for the approval of the minutes from July 21, 2010. Commissioner Cavanagh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Reports

Manager – Matt Pekarek

Mr. Pekarek stated July was an extreme month and among the hottest and wettest since records have been kept in Chicago. Play was down in July compared to previous years. He noted a steep falloff of weekend 9-hole course play after June 20th and was unsure as to why the number of rounds fell so steeply. Mr. Pekarek stated that he felt the economy was impacting play negatively. Previously he had attributed the drop in play to an overall decline in the popularity of golf. General discussion took place over the drop off in rounds and the factors that play into the drop in rounds on both the 18 and 9 hole course.

Mr. Pekarek reported on the amount of disease that the golf course faced due to the hot and wet weather in July. This combination creates a situation where disease can spread fast on the course and crews are working very hard to maintain the turf and to try and limit the spread of the disease. He stated the two practice greens that were covered by flood water declined, but the 18 hole greens are in good condition and most of the 9 hole course is in good shape. He discussed different

strategies that can be used to try and limit the amount of disease on the course and this could continue for another month.

He reported on the recent flooding that took place in July and stated it was the second highest flooding that the Village Links has seen in its history. He discussed how the storm water detention system works. He was pleased that there was not any standing water 36 hours after the precipitation stopped. General discussion took place regarding the renovations that took place in 2004 regarding the storm water detention system.

Financial – Commissioner Rosley

Acting Chairman Rosley stated revenue was down and expenses have been held in check. Food service and the pro shop revenue has been down slightly and he discussed the trend of declining revenue in the month of July over the past three years and each year in the current month of August is down 14% when compared to the previous year. General discussion took place over the declining revenue of the golf course and the future outlook over the next few years and if the economy has had a major effect on it.

Trustee Liaison – Michelle Thorsell

Trustee Thorsell thanked the Recreation Commission for all of the work they have put in over the last year. She discussed the approval of a recent property maintenance ordinance that will monitor issues such as clearing of sidewalks during snowfall, windows, paint, and other issues. She stated it will be enforced on a complaint only basis from residents.

She reported on work being done on the new downtown plan, including a traffic study, a parking review and the creation of a new downtown organization.

The Village continues to have discussions with the College of DuPage to resolve a dispute over code compliance. The dispute will be mediated.

Old Business – New Revenue Ideas – Continuation discussion on leasing food service, Village Links Facility Master Plan Steering Committee, and other new revenue ideas.

Commissioner Schumann updated the commission on the recent meeting of the steering committee. He stated this group has focused on many short term recommendations including introducing a food vendor to occupy space in the Village Links clubhouse. He stated the steering committee was looking to gather information from different food service companies to gauge interest in the Village Links food service. General discussion took place on how to proceed. Mr. Pekarek stated a formal Request For Proposal would require a very specific process. He suggested that the Steering Committee could discuss the outsourcing of food service with potential contractors to develop a feel for interest levels and ideas that might be out there. He suggested that an informal process would be more productive than generating a stack of proposals before the Village has defined the scope of the proposed contract. The information gathered in these informal discussions could be used to develop a detailed Request for Proposal.

Commissioner Shumann also discussed the long term uses of the Village Links in the next 25 years and stated this discussion will be continued at the next Committee meeting and that more research is needed to look at the long term plan of the Village Links.

Announcements and Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Acting Chairman Rosley stated the next scheduled meeting will be held on September 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

Adjournment

Commissioner Cornwell motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Schumann seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Ragona, Secretary

Reviewed and edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director October 14, 2010

Approved by the Recreation Commission October 20, 2010