

Minutes

BOARD/COMMISSION: Recreation

DATE: January 19, 2011

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:00 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Girsch,
Commissioners
Cornwell, Noel, Rosley

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

ABSENT: Commissioner Graham,
Cavanagh

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Liaison
Cooper, Recreation Director
Matt Pekarek, Director of Golf
Jeff Vesevick, Dan Nicholas

Call to Order

Chairman Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Public Comments

None.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2010 Meetings of the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Noel moved that the minutes of November 17, 2010 be approved. Commissioner Cornwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Reports

Manager – Matt Pekarek

November had nicer weather than normal for the second straight year. The impact on revenue was minimal.

Summarizing the results of 2010, rounds of golf were up 9% on the 18-hole course, 18-hole green fee revenue was flat. Rounds were down 5% on the 9-hole course - green fee revenue was down about 10%. Rounds overall were up 1%, green fee revenue was down 2%. The Village Links finished calendar year 2010 barely making a profit after paying debt service.

The Village conducted a Bond Refunding in early November 2010 to refinance the golf course debt. \$225,000 will be saved on the final debt service payment on January 1, 2023. 40% of the debt service payments have been made. 12 years of payments remain, at \$340,000 a year.

2010 ended with the course open for "Winter Golf", which has virtually no impact on revenue or expense.

Winter weather has been fair for the hibernating golf course. December rains melted ice on greens. Snow is protecting tees, greens and fairways at present.

The next Facility Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting is Monday January 31. The committee looked at draft scenarios for improving facilities in December. We have hired an architect, golf course architect and civil engineer to look at some of those scenarios, firm up our planning cost estimates and make suggestions for improvements.

We did not receive any outside responses from our Request for Information on the Outsourcing of Golf Course Food Service issued in November.

Commissioner Rosley questioned who in the Village monitors these bonds. Mr. Pekarek stated that a Village bond advisor monitors each bond issue and recommends financing when potential savings meets a predetermined threshold. General discussion took place over the Village bonding procedure and overall finances for the upcoming year.

Financial – Commissioner Rosley

Commissioner Rosley commented that while green fee discount programs increased rounds in 2010 without increasing revenues, those programs might have prevented even further revenue declines. He also reported calendar year losses of \$6,000 in the Pro Shop and \$72,000 in Food Service. He questioned the extraordinary \$20,000 expense in Parks, which Mr. Pekarek explained was due to mandated wetland mitigation at Lambert Lake Nature Preserve.

Trustee Liaison – Peter Cooper

Trustee Cooper stated that the search for a new Village Manager continues. It will take a few months to go through the hiring process. Voorhees and Associates has been hired to assist with this process. Once a new Village Manager is chosen, the positions of Finance Director and Public Works Director will also be filled. He stated Mr. Pekarek briefly served as interim Village Manager. Terry Burghardt is serving as interim Village Manager until a permanent replacement is chosen. He also stated Larry Noller is the interim Finance Director and Jeff Perrigo is the interim Public Works Director.

Trustee Cooper mentioned the proposed ethics ordinance and asked commissioners to submit any questions or comments by January 31 to the Village Board. He also stated the Village budgeting process has begun and an unexpected drop in sales tax of 2% was forecasted. He stated during the recession the Village has been able to minimize cuts due to a home rule sales tax of 1% and he hoped they would be able to budget accordingly to continue this trend.

Trustee Cooper provided information regarding a proposed boundary agreement with the Village of Lombard. General discussion took place over the possible impact of this agreement.

Trustee Cooper reported on the five year budget forecast recently completed by the Finance Commission. They studied 10 comparable communities related to taxing and found that the Village of Glen Ellyn is very competitive with those peer communities and is lower in some respects. He stated one of the reasons the taxes are able to be kept lower than other communities is the volunteer fire service department that saves the Village between 2.5 and 3 million dollars

per year. He also discussed the decline in revenue from interest income and stated that this figure may never be as big as it was 3-5 years ago. He stated the Village is looking at other alternative revenue methods to make up for this lost revenue as a long term solution

Announcements and Other Business

Future meeting conflicts were discussed and a revised 2011 meeting schedule was agreed upon. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is Thursday February 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

Adjournment

Commissioner Cornwell motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Rosley seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Ragona

Reviewed and edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director February 11, 2011

Approved by the Recreation Commission March 24, 2011