

Minutes

BOARD/COMMISSION: Recreation

DATE: July 20, 2011

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:34 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 8:20 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Girsch, Commissioners Cornwell, Dell, Graham, Jourdan,
Miller

ABSENT: Commissioner Cavanagh

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Liaison Ladesic, Recreation Director Pekarek.

Call to Order

Chairman Girsch called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Welcome to new Trustee Liaison Peter Ladesic

Chairman Girsch welcomed Trustee Liaison Ladesic to the Recreation Commission

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Jourdan seconded that the minutes of the June 29, 2011 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Manager's Report

Matt Pekarek reported that June was a decent month for golf with rounds played up 5%.

A USGA Public Links Championship Qualifying was hosted early in the month. This was the 40th USGA/PGA TOUR Qualifying held at the Village Links. The "Have One On Us" /Father's Day weekend was successful. For the first time in several years there was no rain for the three day weekend and play on the course was heavy all three days.

Unrelated to last month's question about sand levels in the 9-hole course bunkers, the grounds crew added sand to those bunkers. Bunker sand depths are monitored during the year and sand levels are reestablished when the ground is firm enough to handle heavy transport of materials.

The grounds staff is experimenting with a pre-emergent herbicide on the driving range tee. In theory, such herbicide would prevent new seed placed in divots from sprouting. The experiment anticipates that the process of taking a divot removes enough soil and herbicide that the seedlings

can take root. Results to date seem positive as seedling germination seems to not be adversely impacted by the herbicide while the number of weeds seems to be reduced from prior years.

The experiment with growing organic produce for use in the Village Links Grill has been successful, with fresh produce being delivered and served daily. On average, 15 pounds of produce is being provided each day at this time of year.

June is a very active month on the golf course, with a very high volume of competitive and instructional events underway.

The grounds staff performed the first significant work on improving Manor Woods. This is the first step of what will be a ten year ongoing maintenance effort to improve the eco-system at Manor Woods. The initial work focused on the perimeter of the property facing neighborhood residents and areas adjoining the walking paths. Brush was trimmed, and invasive plants were removed.

The storm water detention system handled a 2.7" rainfall early in the month without flooding on golf course or park properties.

Chairman Girsch asked about the recently updated course rating. The Chicago District Golf Association updates course ratings for each course in the district about every seven years, in compliance with the USGA Handicap System®. The course ratings and slope ratings increased slightly, which is typical for all courses. The USGA course rating system is objective in nature, with little room for individual subjective judgement.

Financial Report

Matt Pekarek reviewed the financial performance to date. Revenues rebounded in June, up 13% over the prior year. Calendar year-to-date revenues are still down 10% from 2010. Year-to-date expenses are up 4%. Both revenues and expenses are improving after a difficult spring that saw revenues down 29% at the end of April.

Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Ladesic reported that new Village Manager Mark Franz has been hired. Mr. Franz assumed his position earlier in July.

The Village Board will receive a report on the Village Links Facility Master Plan at their workshop on July 25. Trustee Ladesic commented on an email from a resident opposing any expenditure to improve the Village Links beyond the current facility, noting that there are several considerations involved.

Announcements and Other Business

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be Wednesday August 17, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Civic Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.
Submitted by: Matt Pekarek, August 15, 2011

Approved by the Recreation Commission August 17, 2011