

However, play has dropped significantly in the first three weeks of July due to the excessive heat. Outings and league traffic has contributed to the success to date of 2012.

The Links hosted U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying on June 4. It is the only public course in Illinois to host such an event. Players and officials were complimentary. More media covered the event than usual, with coverage by both ESPN and the Golf Channel. The next opportunity to host this event will be in five to seven years.

The "Have One on Us" promotion was successful, although participation was slightly down. The food tent expansion allowed for more customers to be served with fewer delays and shorter lines.

Since the end of June, the golf course has been under severe stress from the heat and drought. Pythium outbreaks started in June and early July, indicative of a very difficult year. Every tree and bush is at risk of injury and disease in future years because of this year's stress. The golf course was maintained for playing conditions in June, but for its health and survival in July. Focus has been on the center of the course and the tees and greens. One bright note from these conditions is that the Poa Annua is being killed off by the drought.

VILLAGE LINKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Manager Pekarek said there is much activity, mostly administrative. The storm water permit application was filed with the Village on June 4. The driving range tee and driving range fairway will be lowered as well as the putting greens. This brings those elements closer to being damaged by a sever flood, but that risk is preferable to converting more acreage into ponds and swampy areas. The lake south of the south irrigation pumphouse will be expanded. The large volume of excess soil will be placed at the back of the driving range.

The Architectural Review Commission reviewed the project at its July 10 meeting. There was concern over the roof color. The Plan Commission will consider the project on July 26, and the Village Board will consider the Special Use Permit Application on August 13. A Special Use Permit is required because any change in use in the conservation zoning district requires a permit. The Plan Commission will consider whether or not the use increases traffic, infringes on adjoining property or creates noise to name some of the criteria.

With this aggressive schedule, design work has started on infrastructure and the building interior. Manager Pekarek feels it is still possible to break ground in 2012, but there cannot be additional delays. The Board needs to award bids in September.

Only a couple of trees were lost in the July 1 storm.

June operating statements were not available.

Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Ladesic reported that the Board did not meet on the past Monday. At the next meeting it is expected to approve a November 4 ballot question on the electrical aggregation plan. It is not binding, but the Trustees will abide by the results. There are other options if the voters do not agree with this plan.

The storm cleanup is expected to cost the Village approximately \$200,000. The work will be completed in house, with Park District and Links personnel assisting. Brush is being hauled to Panfish Park to be shredded. It could be several weeks before it is all cleaned up. Any savings resulting from the mild winter have been used up by this effort.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no announcements. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Girsch ended the July 18, 2012 meeting at 8:15 PM.

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