

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Recreation

DATE: August 15, 2012

MEETING: Regular X Special _____

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 PM

QUORUM: Yes X No _____

ADJOURNED: 8:08 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Girsch, Commissioners Cavanaugh, Cornwell, Jourdan and Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Recreation Director Pekarek, Recording Secretary Blake

ABSENT: Commissioners Dell and Graham

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 15, 2012 regular meeting of the Recreation Commission was opened by Chairman Girsch at 7:35 PM. A quorum was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Cornwell moved to approve the June 30, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jourdan. The Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cornwell moved to approve the July 18, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. The Motion carried unanimously.

STANDING REPORTS:

Manager's Report

Manager Pekarek said June was an excellent month for golf. June saw the most rounds in the month of June since the recession started in 2008. This was mostly due to weather. The US Open Sectional qualifying was also good public relations. However, golf activity in July was poor. Rounds played in July dropped to the lowest 27-hole total ever recorded at the Links. This can be partially attributed to the hot weather; however, there are many indications that the golf market is soft. Golf round in July were down 5%, but are still up 24% for the year. Year-to-date rounds are at their highest level since September 11, 2001, due to the great spring weather.

July activity was poor from the start. It is usually the busiest month. July Green Fee revenue was down 4%, but is still up 21% for the year. Motorized cart rentals were up 7% in July and up 52% for the year, with the hot weather encouraging cart use, even though rounds played were down. August has started slow, but because of the great spring, the year is still expected to end up ahead of 2011.

Outing activity was good in July. The Ed Post Scholarship Shootout was a very successful event on July 20.

The course is in good shape despite the hot weather. Much was hand watered, and timely rains have reduced reliance on irrigation. There has not been significant turf loss. The bentgrass roots are now very short, making them vulnerable to stress.

The Links staff helped the Village clear fallen trees from parkways for five days after the July 1 storm. Although the Links' brush chipper died, the Glen Ellyn Public Works Department gave the Links another used one.

The financial report was reviewed. In response to a question from Commissioner Miller concerning food service costs, Manager Pekarek noted that revenues are current, but expenses generally lag on the reports.

Commissioner Jourdan asked about administrative costs month-to-month. Activity levels are the same; however a debt service payment in June was an extraordinary expense incurred each year.

Trustee Liaison Report

None

VILLAGE LINKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Manager Pekarek said that the Village Board approved the Special Use Permit at its last meeting. It's another step taken.

The Architectural Review Commission recommended approval of the project with modifications that will cost an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000. The bid documents were being worked on before the Special Use Permit was in had due to time factors. Staff has met with the bond consultant and prepared a draft statement on the state of the Village in anticipation of obtaining the bonds.

Over the next two weeks, plans will be reviewed for completeness. The 90% complete civil engineering plans were received today. The contract language is finished, and a pre-bid meeting is expected around September 1. Bid opening is scheduled for September 13. The project schedule will be considered by the Village Board on September 24. If the Board awards contracts at that meeting, work will begin on or shortly after October 1. Work will start on the putting green now, as a building permit for it is in hand. It is expected to be seeded by the first part of September.

There was discussion concerning the amount of cash on the balance sheet. The Village Finance Department manages the movement of cash from deposit accounts into investment accounts. We are not keeping larger amounts of cash on hand by design. The pending project is not playing a role in cash levels.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no announcements. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary

Reviewed and Edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director September 16, 2012

Approved by the Recreation Commission September 19, 2012