

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Recreation DATE: May 15, 2013
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:38 PM
QUORUM: Yes _____ No X ADJOURNED: 8:40 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Girsch, Commissioners Cornwell, Jourdan, and Student
Commissioner Dickson

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee O'Shea, Director Pekarek, Recording Secretary Blake

ABSENT: Commissioners Cavanagh, Graham, Leuzzi and Miller

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Girsch at 7:30 PM. A quorum was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

STANDING REPORTS:

Manager's Report

Manager Pekarek said April was a poor month for golf because of the wet, cold weather. Play was also impacted by the construction project. Only three days did it not rain or drop to 30 degrees temperature.

The April 18 flood reached a high water level not seen since 1972. It was an epic rain event on already saturated soils. However, the construction was not adversely impacted other than losing a day of work, as the water receded very quickly into the increased detention. The golf course reopened on Saturday, April 20, and all 27 holes were playable with carts by the following day.

Rounds played in April were down by 44% for 9-holes and 45% for 18 holes. The Spring Special accounted for 14% of rounds played in April and 11% of the green fee revenue. League play generates up to 9,500 rounds per year and is very consistent.

Dylan, the Border Collie who helped control geese, has been retired, and staff is looking at options, which are limited.

The new culinary manager, Troy Tornabeni, has been hired. 108 individuals applied for the position. Ten applicants were interviewed and six candidates participated in an assessment center. Troy has been executive chef at other three other golf courses. He will be responsible for managing the kitchen and will be putting together new menus. The restaurant will probably open with a flexible menu, as it is difficult to plan without seeing the final kitchen layout in place while still under construction. There was discussion concerning problems that may be created by gradually increasing the offerings versus opening large for an immediate good experience by patrons. Manager Pekarek said that, with golf outings, there will be a lot of food served before the restaurant and bar open.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE LINKS FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Manager Pekarek will review the construction schedule at the May 16 weekly construction meeting. He wants to confirm earlier discussions regarding a phased turnover of the kitchen and banquet facility so that some level of food service can be restored before the entire project is completed. He would like to take possession of the driving range and the kitchen as soon as possible.

He confirmed that there are now eight parking spaces for handicapped patrons of the 56 spaces in the circle drive, increased from six.

There was discussion concerning moving patrons from the parking lot to the clubhouse. There is already a problem and the parking lot will be milled, creating uneven surfaces, in the next few days making the situation more challenging. It was suggested to leave some carts for patrons to use to get back-and-forth rather than waiting for the staff courtesy cart.

There was also discussion concerning the status of work on the clubhouse. There is still much electrical work to do. The contractors are waiting for the sprinklers and specialty equipment.

Commissioners complimented Manager Pekarek on his weekly reports, particularly the inclusion of so many photographs.

Trustee O'Shea initiated a conversation about the "Have One on Us" event scheduled for June 14 and 15, expressing concern for bringing so many people onto the Links while construction is ongoing. Manager Pekarek said that the option was to push it past July 4 and probably into the

fall. There will still be the tournament, chipping and putting contests, and a food tent. The kitchen should be open and there will probably be some ability to use the 150 person banquet area. There will not be a grassy area for children to play. This event attracts non-golfers, and needs to be done well to not adversely impact resident opinion of the facility. Staff will look at the alternatives of moving the date or reducing the scope of the June event and having the full "Have One on Us" party in August or September.

There was discussion concerning the demands on the staff created by the construction and the effects on course and property maintenance. Manager Pekarek said that those things needed to maintain the health of the grass are being addressed: mowing, watering, hole relocation etc. Staff resources are not being diverted from key maintenance tasks that are important for playability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Cornwell noted that his term is ending, and that it has been a pleasure to serve with the other Commissioners. He will remain on the steering committee.

There were no other announcements. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center. Director of Golf Jeff Vesevick will be the staff liaison for that meeting in Manager Pekarek's absence.

ADJOURNMENT:

The May 15, 2013 meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. A quorum was never established.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary

Reviewed and Edited by Matt Pekarek, Recreation Director on June 13, 2013.

Approved by the Recreation Commission June 19, 2013