

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Recreation DATE: July 17, 2013
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No ___ _ ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Cornwell, Commissioners Cavanaugh, Girsch, Graham, Jourdan, Leuzzi, Miller and Student Commissioner Dickson

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee O'Shea, Director of Golf Jeff Vesevick, Recording Secretary Blake

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 17, 2013 regular meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Cornwell at 7:30 PM. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Jourdan moved, and Commissioner Graham seconded approving the June 19, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

STANDING REPORTS:

Manager's Report

Director of Golf Vesevick reported that persistent rain in June reduced the amount of play. The driving range is scheduled to open July 20 barring a heavy downpour. Most of the sod has been laid, and a greater portion than planned will be seeded. Shots will be hit off grass. There was discussion of starting a "demo club" program, which has several pros and cons. There was also discussion of the revenue and expenses for May, given the state of the clubhouse and driving range.

The clubhouse is open, and Commissioners expressed pleasure at how it looks. A new chef started June 15, and a new menu will be brought on line by August 5. The marketing consultant group will be making a presentation to the Village Board. The clubhouse is over staffed at the moment, but that is appropriate for the start of a new facility. The grand opening will probably be in September.

Chairman Cornwell asked about junior and senior rates. Director Vesevick said that rates are reviewed every year, and changes occur usually at the end of the year.

There was discussion concerning players repairing divots with sand available in the carts or on the tees. It was noted that green sand is too expensive to be used at the Links. All players, particularly regular players, should be educated on how to replace and/or repair divots. Various methods of instruction were considered.

Concerns were raised concerning the pace of play. Director Vesevick said that this has been an issue on all courses for many years. Players will stay away from courses that take too long. Charts have been kept in the past showing the longest and shortest time of play. Commissioners recommended that this practice be reinstated.

Chairman Cornwell recommended that the Commission's next meeting in August be held at the Links. There was general agreement for the meeting starting at 7:30 PM, with Commissioners touring the course and the clubhouse at approximately 7:00 PM.

Financials

The Financial Report in Commissioners' packets was prepared by Manager Pekarek with information provided by Village staff. Trustee O'Shea said that staff can prepare this report instead of Manager Pekarek taking his time to present Village staff numbers in a different format. In response to questions, Trustee O'Shea said that the Village Board is concerned about the Links' finances, and operations performance is under intense scrutiny. Trustees are looking for rounds and revenues to increase. They would also like to see plans to bring residents to the facility in the winter to make it a better income producer. Commissioner Cornwell is aware of many ideas for bringing patrons in for meals during the week coming from several focus groups. The marketing group is making a presentation to the Village Board at its next meeting.

Manager Pekarek will be meeting with the Finance Commission in the upcoming months to set up summary financial reports. Chairman Cornwell stated his desire to see restaurant, banquet and bar receipts and expenses broken out on each report.

Commissioner Jourdan expressed concern about the lack of revenue from the driving range. Commissioners discussed what recourse there is, if any, against the original sod contractor for delays, and the decision to purchase the type of sod used.

Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee O'Shea reported that Trustees and Village staff were each asked to prepare a list of Board priorities for the next four years. It was clear Trustees and staff have different ideas and that the Board needs to give staff some direction.

In other areas of concern, the Village is working with the Park District to address the Lake Ellyn flooding and prevent another overtopping event. Also, the Roosevelt Road TIF has been approved by the Village Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Graham asked about the grass on the driving range. It is bluegrass as it regenerates quickly. It will not be cut as short as on the fairways.

Commissioner Cavanaugh asked if there are performance goals for the restaurant and banquet facilities. The goals have been established.

Commissioner Jourdan recommended signage stating that the driving range is open. Director Vesevick said that could be done.

There was discussion concerning when the facility will be truly fully operational. By August 15 it will be fully functional. However, a grand opening will be scheduled for the end of August or September in the form of a "Have One On Us" event, allowing some period of time to work out any glitches.

There was no other business. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Links. Chairman Cornwell noted that the official posting of the meeting will note the change in location.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Graham moved, and Commissioner Jourdan seconded that the meeting be adjourned, which was approved unanimously. The July 17, 2013 meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary
Reviewed and Edited by Jeff Vesevick, Director of Golf August 19, 2013

Approved by the Recreation Commission August 21, 2013