

the end of July, the driving range was open, the parking lot was paved, and patrons were being served at the new bar and restaurant. On the golf course, it was cooler and dryer than normal. The time for turf health issues has passed for the year. More resources are going back to general operations after having been diverted to construction most of the year.

The number of rounds has increased in July and August over 2012, with the resulting increase in revenue. Whether this is due to better weather, the nicer facility or something else is not known at this point.

Director Pekarek is seeking direction from the Commissioners on how to report and monitor outings and banquets in the Manager's Monthly Report. There was discussion concerning reporting upcoming bookings and how the actual number of attendees can fluctuate from projections. For example, 19 outings are booked for September. But the sizes can still fluctuate at this time. The statistics could give the impression of a lot of activity when the number of golfers at these outings could be small. It was suggested that lines be added to include information on the number of events scheduled in coming months.

The construction contractors are still on site, and there is work to be done on the entrance. The sidewalk on the north side of Winchell was installed too high, requiring additional work to improve drainage. There are areas where the asphalt layer is too thin, requiring coring out those places and replacing the asphalt with the proper depth. The booths in the restaurant will have to be moved around, requiring re-centering the lights over the tables. Commissioner Girsch said that she has received positive feedback about the restaurant and the facility.

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 heavily staffed at the moment, but that is appropriate for the start of a new facility. The grand opening will probably be in September.

Financials

Chairman Cornwell noted that there seemed to be many variables. Director Pekarek urged not drawing any conclusions from the financial statements at this time. The final costs of the construction project will not be known until November. He guesses that rounds will be down 10-12% from 2012 by the end of the year.

Trustee Liaison Report

There was no Trustee Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Cornwell would like Commissioners to email questions to staff for discussion at Commission meetings, rather than putting staff on the spot at meetings. Chairman Cornwell will collect ideas from Commissioners for the agenda and forward to staff.

Director Pekarek answered several questions about specific aspects of the facility: there will be a TV and speakers outside when the canopy is installed, course watering is restricted as much as possible to limit the spread of *Poa Annua*, there are plans for live music on weekends, any brown patches on greens will have to be viewed to diagnose, plans for the winter are under discussion, there are plans for a Sunday brunch starting in September.

There was lengthy discussion concerning the name for the restaurant. The suggestions from the marketing firm and the thought process behind them were reviewed. It should not overtly be about golf as the hope is to attract non-golfers to dine. Commissioner Cavanaugh made the following motion which was seconded by Commissioner Jourdan and approved unanimously.

“The Commission supports the name “Reserve 22” for the Links restaurant.”

In response to questions, Director Pekarek said that addressing the bunker fabric condition would have to include re-stapling and removing some sections for subsurface drainage. It would be a large job, would have to be performed by a dedicated crew and cost tens of thousands of dollars. Until that project can be scheduled, the crew is addressing each location as it is needed, pulling the sand aside to re-anchor the fabric and replacing the sand.

Commissioners discussed the serving and staffing issues that arose the previous Friday. The additional tables on the patio and large groups had unexpected consequences that were discussed with staff the next day, as were short and long term solutions to back-ups in the kitchen.

There was no other business. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Links if space is available. If not, it will be shifted to the Civic Center. Chairman Cornwell noted that the official posting of the meeting will note the change in location.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Jourdan moved, and Commissioner Cavanaugh seconded that the meeting be adjourned, which was approved unanimously. The August 21, 2013 meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary

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

Approved by the Recreation Commission October 16, 2013