

an outbreak of *Sclerotinia Homoeocarpa*. However, normal weather patterns resuming after the outbreak prevented the disease from progressing. Staff is expecting a report from the marketing consultant next week.

Financial Report

While discussing the financials, Trustee O'Shea asked whether the pro shop operating at a loss is just accepted, or is there an intention to turn it profitable. Manager Vesevick said it is very difficult to compete with on-line pricing, and the intention is to provide current merchandise needed by golfers. Staff does not see how it can be profitable. Public golf courses struggle with their pro shops. They are no longer profit centers and are generally owned by the course, as opposed to the tradition golf pro ownership. There was discussion concerning how the sales and inventory are shown on the financials. Trustee O'Shea suggested placing the pro shop on a winter Commission meeting agenda for additional discussion. There was also discussion concerning the fire place, and the fact that it is not being used because it runs very hot. Manager Vesevick will discuss with the architect.

Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee O'Shea reported that funding for the Fire Department has been the big issue for the Board. Only 23% of residents financially support the Department. The Department has a 10 year capital plan to replenish equipment. The Board is considering supporting the Department with a fee, as opposed to a tax, which would be about \$8 per month per household. The details pertaining to exempt property have not been determined at this time.

In response to a question, Trustee O'Shea said that there are changes to be considered to the sign ordinance, but they have not yet come before the Board. The ordinance needs to be reasonable. The Links signage on Park is part of the ordinance matter. Trustee O'Shea recommended installing a new sign to replace the "now open" banner, and obtaining variances in the future.

RESERVE-22 DISCUSSION

Commissioners were asked to share with management observations and suggestions concerning the operation of Reserve 22. Commissioners agreed that consistency in food quality and portions are very important. Wait staff supervision, education and coordination are key. Because the restaurant menu offerings are generally heavy and expensive, having a bar or appetizer menu was suggested. Chef Concepcion noted that if a patron requests something, if

the ingredients are in the house, he will prepare it. A late night menu has been added. The plan is to become experts at current offerings, and then add more menus.

MEETING ROOM CONFIGURATION

Commissioners discussed various possible table configurations for the meeting room other than a single conference table. Also, various types of meetings and uses of the meeting room were discussed. Commissioners' consensus is that flexibility is needed. Staff feels that the meeting room space should be done well for the most profitable use, which is a business meeting. Other uses can be moved to other parts of the building. State of the art presentation equipment is also needed. There is a budget for this equipment, but Commissioners were unsure of how much. Chairman Cornwell directed staff to come back to Commissioners with recommendations for flexibility with proper style, and a solution for storage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Cornwell would like a subcommittee of the Commission to work with the Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation, schools and other non-profits to rejuvenate the Village's parks. He noted that parks are part of this Commission's responsibilities. There were expressions of interest and support for working with the Foundation.

There was general discussion concerning ideas to bring patrons to the Links, ranging from food or beverage specials, coupons, driving range memberships and poker and trivia nights. Because people use Yelp and Trip Advisor to make dining decision, it will be helpful to have good reviews on those sites. Tracking resident versus non-resident visits was included in the discussion.

The next meeting will be December 18 at 7:00 PM at the Links.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Jourdan. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

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Approved by the Recreation Commission December 18, 2013