

# RECREATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2016

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**Board or Commission:** Recreation

**Date:** October 21, 2016

**Meeting:** Regular

**Called to Order:** 7:03 AM

**Quorum:** No

**Adjourned:** 8:13 AM

### MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

#### Present:

Susan Q. Carroll	Commissioner
Jeffery M. Jourdan	Commissioner
Mark W. Reinke	Commissioner

#### Also Present:

Jeff Vesevick	General Manager / Staff Liaison
Tim O'Shea	Liaison Trustee

#### Absent:

Kevin S. Kennebeck	Commissioner
Glen G. Graham	Commissioner
Brad S. Browder	Chairman
Les Chandler	Commissioner
Chris Pekarek	Golf Course Superintendent

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 21, 2016 regular meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:03AM at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn Maintenance Facility; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Commissioner Jourdan. A quorum was not present.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING

- No quorum present.

### 4. STANDING REPORTS

#### A. MANAGER – JEFF VESEVICK

Manager Vesevick reports that the month of September performed as expected. It was neither a great month nor a poor one. Fall Fest keeps the outings busy in Fall. Vesevick also reported that September is generally the busiest month in outings and there were increases in revenue as compared to last September.

To show profit at the end of year need to minimize losses during slow months.

Trustee O'Shea asked if talked to staff about shutting down an extra day. Manager Vesevick said they considered Tuesdays but half price burgers make the day profitable so it would not be in their best interest to shut down. Trustee O'Shea asked what about shutting down all winter? Manger Vesevick responded that closing down for the winter months would be a big savings especially since those months are operated at a loss. However, key personnel would be lost and every year you would get a new staff in the spring which will provide challenges to operations. Trustee O'Shea questions how long should the doors be kept open in winter months when operating at a loss and everyone sees the business as a golf destination. He states that it's not in a consumer's head to come to Village Links for dinner. O'Shea is worried with all the new downtown dining competition; Reserve 22 is flat-lining in profit. Vesevick doesn't think closing Reserve 22 in the three winter months would be beneficial. Commissioner Jourdan added that if you are breaking even or close to it a business should still stay open. Trustee O'Shea agreed that the restaurant should stay open but wanted to make sure they don't close on any major holidays during the winter months. Manger Vesevick stated that they will not close on major holidays and there are plans to include valet parking and live entertainment during the winter months.

Trustee O'Shea asked Vesevick to explore the option of doing 6-6-6. Golf courses that have option of playing 6-12-18 holes of golf. O'Shea claimed its worth the research because Village Links would be the first in Chicago to try it out. It would be a timing issue with getting crowds around on the greens but it might bring out some senior citizens to play a shorter game during the slow days. Manager Vesevick stated he will look into it with his staff.

### **RESERVE 22**

The banquet business did well in September but the restaurant did not perform outstanding because golf was slow. The new website for Reserve 22 will be rolled out this week so there is hope to connect with a bigger audience during the slow months of winter.

There are some new events scheduled for the patio for the month of October - Pumpkin Beer Takeover and family Halloween events.

### **MAINTENANCE OF GREENS**

Manager Vesevick reported that the Aeration process has been completed but the greens are still wet and soggy. Trying to keep greens dry is continuing to be a challenge.

## **B. FINANCIAL – COMMISSIONER JOURDAN**

Commissioner Jourdan reported that overall still ahead for the year. Jourdan commended Vesevick with doing a wonderful job keeping costs down during slow months and trying to maximize profit during busy months.

Commissioner Reinke had some concern about raising the cost of cart rentals. He stated that if the rental price is to increase, then the new carts should have some “bells and whistles” such as a GPS monitor. Manager Vesevick stated that the cost to install GPS equipment will be at least \$100,000. Reinke insisted that the GPS screens are worth the investigation. Trustee O’Shea asked if the bid can also include the netting that runs across the tops of carts to place small personal items. Vesevick stated that he will ensure the bid will include GPS options and net options if available.

Commissioner Reinke questioned the cash position and its overall meaning and/or function? Vesevick stated that the report tells you every month how the cash is added and subtracted. The months of July / August show increase and winter month show decrease. Overall in 2016, \$2.3 million is in bank which puts Village Links in a great position.

**C. TRUSTEE LIAISON – TIM O’SHEA**

O’Shea reported that the Boosters Club event had a wonderful time for their event but will not come back next year due to cost. O’Shea stated that we need to keep the local fundraisers here so perhaps look into cost cut to lure them in and keep them here for their events. O’Shea will follow up with Booster Club to identify exact expense complaint.

**5. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET**

- No quorum present.

**6. APPROVAL OF 2017 USER FEES**

- No quorum present.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- Manager Vesevick stated that he will be presenting the following items before the Board at next meeting:
  - No restrictions regarding the outdoor musical entertainment
  - Obtain the user fees for the carts
  - Approval for 2017 budget

**8. NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2016 at 7:00 AM.**

**9. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jourdan moved and Chairman Reinke seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13AM.

**Submitted by Angela Andrianopoulos, Recording Secretary**

**Reviewed by General Manager Jeff Vesevick**