

Minutes

Regular Village Board Workshop

Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees

October 25, 2010

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Comerford, Cooper, Hartweg, Henninger, Ladesic, Thorsell; Attorney Diamond; Acting Village Clerk Utterback

Staff: Village Manager Jones, Schrader, Caracci, Hulseberg, Noller, Norton, Pekarek

1. Call to Order.

President Pfefferman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Recreation Department User Fees for the Village Links for 2011 – Recreation Director Pekarek.

Pekarek stated that the Recreation Department operates as an enterprise fund without the use of tax dollars. Revenue from the Village Links is used to operate the golf course and maintain Panfish Park and Lambert Lake nature preserve and maintain a 300-acre stormwater detention system on those properties. Pekarek stated the Recreation Department's philosophy is to set non-resident fees at the market price, offer residents significant discounts and increase fees in small increments on a regular basis. Staff recently conducted an analysis of the 2010 public golf market, and their recommendation is to not increase fees at this time due to the soft golf market. Pekarek stated this is the second year in a row that green fees will not be increased. At their October 20, 2010 meeting, the Recreation Commission voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of a fee schedule.

3. Village Links Steering Committee Update – Recreation Director Pekarek.

Pekarek stated that a subcommittee of the Recreation Commission called the Village Links Facility Master Plan Steering Committee was formed in June, 2010 and has been assigned the task of developing a master plan for facilities at the Village Links Clubhouse and site. Pekarek reported that in September, the Steering Committee recommended that the Recreation Commission recommend that the Village Board issue a request for information for the outsourcing of golf course food service, however, a motion failed to carry by a vote of 2-2. Those opposing the motion felt that the Steering Committee was not working on its assigned task, and those in favor of the motion felt that the Steering Committee needed the information that the request for information would generate. Pekarek stated his concerns were that the Steering Committee was working without input from staff, the Village Links has immediate facility-related needs, and the Steering

Committee minutes contained incomplete and, therefore, inaccurate information regarding the profitability of public area golf courses. Pekarek stated that Manager Jones and he met with members of the Steering Committee and Recreation Commission to help resolve the discrepancies and prioritize facility issues. Just prior to this meeting, Pekarek distributed a Request for Information that he prepared regarding golf course food service at the Village Links. Trustee Comerford requested adding balance of sale by month information to the RFI so that the potential opportunities during non-golf months can be assessed. He also requested adding a breakdown of breakfast, lunch and dinner to the RFI to assess potential growth in this area. Pekarek responded to Trustee Comerford that the halfway house is included in the RFI, and Trustee Comerford requested a breakdown of that information as well. A follow-up Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2010 at which staff will present facility issues from which a plan can be created. In response to President Pfefferman, Pekarek stated that issues are not easily separated into short-term and long-term and that he would like to see priorities established. As Trustee Liaison to the Recreation Commission, Trustee Cooper recollected from the meeting that the mission of the Steering Committee is to review overall facility issues and, in particular, issues regarding the clubhouse, driving range and parking within 18-36-48 months. He added that other issues, including partnering, will be reviewed on a long-term basis. Trustee Cooper invited the public to contact Director Pekarek with input regarding the Village Links. Pekarek responded to President Pfefferman that he would appreciate the Village Board submitting comments to him regarding the RFI within one week to 10 days. Manager Jones suggested November 12 as the deadline date based on scheduled Steering Committee and Recreation Commission meetings.

4. Other items?

There were no other items brought before the Village Board.

5. Adjournment.

At 7:25 p.m., Trustee Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee Henninger, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Utterback
Acting Village Clerk