

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 28, 2021**

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Called to Order: 7:03A.M.
Adjourned: 8:30A.M.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Tim O'Shea	Chairman	Present
Rebecca Austin	Commissioner	Excused Absence
Brian Diver	Commissioner	Present
Glen G. Graham	Commissioner	Present
Alison Park	Commissioner	Present
Mark W. Reinke	Commissioner	Present
Carol Scott	Commissioner	Present
Patrick Hohe	Student Commissioner	Excused Absence

Also, Present:

Jeff Vesevick	General Manager / Staff Liaison	Present
Steve Thompson	Liaison Trustee	Excused Absence
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Excused Absence
Brad Chapple	Food and Beverage Director	Present
Tom Fota	Executive Chef	Excused Absence
Mike Campbell	Golf Professional	Excused Absence
Noel Allen	Director of Golf	Present
Andrew Cross	Golf Course Superintendent	Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 28, 2021 meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:03A.M. at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairman O'Shea.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 30, 2021 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 4/30/21 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried
MOVER: Commissioner Diver
SECONDER: Commissioner Park
AYES: Diver, Graham, O'Shea, Park, Reinke, and Scott
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Austin

D. STANDING REPORTS

1. Manager – Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick said fantastic weather was experienced for April 2021 and the course is in excellent shape. Golf rounds were up 90% for the month, and 105% for the year. Reserve 22 received an early boost by the mild April weather as patrons were eager to return to in-person dining. Guests have really enjoyed the patio and banquets are almost in full swing again. The Reserve 22 staff received many inquiries about banquets and this portion of the business will continue to improve. There are many new golfers and the junior league continues to sell out.

Discussion ensued regarding the golf course. Commissioner Reinke inquired about the grounds crew seasonal staffing levels. Golf Course Superintendent Cross indicated he has hired one (1) person since the last Recreation Commission meeting. Chairman O'Shea suggested hiring an outside landscaping company to help the grounds crew because the continued investment in the course is important. Commissioner Scott asked why the red and yellow stakes are sometimes moved. Golf Course Superintendent Cross explained coyotes remove these stakes and they end up somewhere else on the course.

2. Reserve 22 – Brad Chapple

Food and Beverage Director Chapple noted staffing shortages are over now. Reserve 22 is now using disposable paper menus, which allows menu changes. There have been some recent restaurant supply issues, which is also why the menu has been modified. Reserve 22 staff decided not to hire an outside caterer to handle the additional tent business and will handle this in-house. Commissioner Graham said the Mother's Day brunch was great and Commissioner Park said she recently attended a graduation and it was really nice.

3. Financial - Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick noted the financials now include 2019 because 2020 does not really provide a good comparison. The Links and Reserve 22 are in a fantastic financial position, and almost \$500,000 better than 2019 as far as operating income goes. General Manager Vesevick said operating profits are now on par with the financials experienced in the early 2000's, when 100,000 rounds were played. General Manager Vesevick said the cash projections are really encouraging especially in December when the average cash spend is between \$650,000 to \$850,000, and spending will go down by \$300,000, which will put the Links in a good position going into the spring.

4. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson

No report.

E. DISCUSSION – CIP PRIORITIZATION

1. CIP Prioritization

General Manager Vesevick referenced the potential capital improvement listing included in the agenda. The items included were based upon Recreation Commission discussions, staff suggestions, and guest comments. This list is not exhaustive and he is hoping for additional ideas. General Manager Vesevick hopes to prioritize the items and determine the most pressing needs for this facility. Once the priority projects are determined then project costs will be added to the list along with possible timeframes and then ultimately a plan to implement the projects.

Commissioner Reinke suggested spending money on improving the course. Commissioner Reinke suggested eliminating some of the bunkers. Golf Course Superintendent Cross said the course is over-bunkered, which slows play. Golf Course Superintendent Cross suggested hiring an architect to review the course and reduce the number of bunkers and reshape these areas and then shrink them down. Commissioner Reinke agreed the Links is over bunkered. Golf Course Superintendent Cross said there are several different approaches for course improvements including a full master plan update or a quick architect consultation to try and start the process. Chairman O'Shea recommended a full master plan update and obtaining a couple of request for proposals.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the parking area. Director of Golf Allen said we need to figure out the maximum capacity for the facility and do not go beyond this maximum. General Manager Vesevick said we need to prioritize what the real needs are, obtain pricing, review cash reserves, and then look at pricing and start scheduling projects. Commissioner Graham would like to see improvements in the chipping, putting, and practice area. Chairman O'Shea recommended a course master plan update. Director of Golf Allen asked if the course improvements are more important than clubhouse improvements. The Commission concurred course improvements are the priority. General Manager Vesevick said some equipment will need to be replaced each year as well.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman O'Shea noted Commissioner Alison Park is departing the Recreation Commission. Chairman O'Shea thanked her for her service. Chairman O'Shea noted he did not know about the status of the other Recreation Commission appointments. General Manager Vesevick thanked everyone for serving on the Recreation Commission and said their feedback has been helpful.

H. NEXT MEETING – June 25, 2021

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Diver moved and Commissioner Park seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30A.M.

Submitted by Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by General Manager Jeff Vesevick