

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2021**

Board or Recreation
Commission:
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Called to
Order: 7:00A.M.
Adjourned: 8:22A.M.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Mark Reinke	Chairman	Present
Rebecca Austin	Commissioner	Excused Absence
Glen G. Graham	Commissioner	Present
Carol Scott	Commissioner	Excused Absence
Brian Diver	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Tom Slowinski	Commissioner	Present
Patrick Hohe	Student Commissioner	Excused Absence

Also, Present:

Jeff Vesevick	General Manager / Staff Liaison	Excused Absence
Steve Thompson	Liaison Trustee	Present
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Excused Absence
Christina Coyle	Finance Director	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 October 29, 2021 meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00A.M. at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairman Reinke.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2021 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 8/27/21 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried
MOVER: Commissioner Diver
SECONDER: Commissioner Coconate
AYES: Coconate, Diver, Graham, Reinke, and Slowinski
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Austin and Scott

D. STANDING REPORTS1. Manager – Jeff Vesevick

For this meeting, Director of Golf Allen filled-in for General Manager Vesevick. Director of Golf Allen distributed a revised first page of the Manager's Report. Director of Golf Allen reported August was the second-best month for green fees in the last 16 years. Chairman Reinke suggested partnering with an outside vendor for golf sales. Director of Golf Allen said the Links can special order clubs for guests, but it takes a while for delivery. Commissioner Coconate suggested hosting a demo day, where guests can try different clubs. Director of Golf Allen said the Links hosted demo days in the past and now the vendors only want to meet with serious buyers. Chairman Reinke noted aeration went well. Golf Course Superintendent Cross noted the greens healed up in seven (7) days. Commissioner Graham asked what improvements were planned for this winter. Golf Course Superintendent Cross replied continued tree and stump removal. Commissioner Graham asked if an outside landscaping contractor will be providing assistance next year as well. Golf Course Superintendent Cross noted staff is putting together an RFP for this and these contracting services are in the 2022 proposed budget. Chairman Reinke asked when the course will be closed. Golf Course Superintendent Cross replied typically when there are multiple days of freezing temperatures. Chairman Reinke said he has heard great reviews of the greens.

2. Reserve 22 – Brad Chapple

Director of Golf Allen noted Reserve 22 has performed very well with the return of the banquet business. Reserve 22 is down two (2) full time positions, which has caused higher overtime expenses. Food and Beverage Director Chapple said Reserve 22 experienced staffing issues similar to other restaurants. Due to staffing shortages, Reserve 22 limited patio, dine-in, and walk-in seatings. Also, all staff members chipped in with even the front of the house staff washing dishes. Banquet business continues to do really well. Overtime is up because existing staff had to work more hours. Reserve 22 is adequately staffed through May. The employee recruitment incentives have been successful. There are still some supply chain issues and food prices continue to increase. Commissioner Diver noted he attended a banquet over the weekend that went really well. Food and Beverage Director Chapple noted Saturday, October 23, 2021 was the biggest revenue day in Reserve 22 history. Food and Beverage Director Chapple noted Reserve 22 will host a Thanksgiving buffet and will offer a carry-out menu as well.

3. Financial – Jeff Vesevick

Commissioner Diver noted stormwater management costs were up. Golf Course Superintendent Cross explained last year with him being new in the position, he was not assigning hours to storm water management line items. However, this year he has been recording these salaries in this line item, which has caused an increase over the prior year. Thompson said this is important, so that down the road the Village can pay the Links for this service.

Director of Golf Allen reported the numbers continue to improve for the Village's cash reserve projections. Cash reserves were \$2,532,000 as of September 30, 2021. Chairman Reinke said staff is doing a great job. Commissioner Diver said it will be interesting to see the post-pandemic staying power of golf.

4. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson

Trustee Thompson updated the Recreation Commission on the recent activities of the Village Board.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the service entrance. Chairman Reinke asked this to be placed on the next agenda. Chairman Reinke polled the Commission for their thoughts on the Have-One-On-Us event. Commissioner Graham said he prefers the event to remain at two (2) days. Commissioner Graham also suggested holding the event at another time rather than in June. Commissioner Graham suggested holding this event in May as a kick-off or in September as a close to the season. Director of Golf Allen noted this event is very taxing on the staff. Different options for the Have-One-On-Us event were discussed. Director of Golf Allen said staff needs to prepare a Have-One-On-Us recommendation to the Recreation Commission. Director of Golf Allen asked the Recreation Commission to reach-out with any ideas. Chairman Reinke said this can be discussed at the next meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 User Fees Discussion

Director of Golf Allen said last year's rate clean-up contributed to this year's success. Director of Golf Allen asked the Recreation Commission to review the proposed 2022 user fees for discussion at the next meeting. Director of Golf Allen added at the next meeting the Recreation Commission will make a formal recommendation to the Village Board. The first two (2) pages user fee report reflect where the Links stands in the market. Director of Golf Allen said staff is concerned about how business costs are increasing especially in terms of minimum wages and commodity costs.

Director of Golf Allen noted there is no change to the weekday 18-hole rate, but he is recommending a \$2 increase for the 18-hole rate weekend fee. Director of Golf Allen also suggested a \$1 increase for all categories for the 9-hole golf course. Director of Golf Allen recommended the Model A scenario be approved. Commissioner Coconate said he and his golf friends are at the top-end of what they want to pay for golf. Commissioner Graham said he is not in favor of raising the rates unless there is a truly compelling reason. Director of Golf Allen explained when the Links was struggling rates did not increase and added this year's proposed rates reflect a moderate increase.

G. NEXT MEETING – 11/19/21

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22A.M.

Submitted by Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by General Manager Jeff Vesevick