

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2022**

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Called to Order: 7:00A.M.
Adjourned: 8:42A.M.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Mark Reinke	Chairman	Present
Rebecca Austin	Commissioner	Present
Glen G. Graham	Commissioner	Present
Carol Scott	Commissioner	Present
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	Present
Steve Thompson	Liaison Trustee	Present
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Excused Absence
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 February 25, 2022 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2021 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 11/19/21 AS PRESENTED.

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

D. STANDING REPORTS1. Manager – Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick stated November 2021 was a good month for golf. The 2021 season ended much better than last year. About 120 players participated in the Iron Man Open in November. The grounds crew have kept busy preparing the greens for the winter season. Reserve 22 recorded the best year on record with a net profit of \$240,000. Reserve 22 revenues for 2021 were \$2.4 million compared to \$1.9 million last year. General Manager Vesevick noted Food and Beverage Director Brad Chapple, has moved on from Reserve 22 and that he appreciated everything that he did for Reserve 22. Staff is currently looking to replace this position through a head hunter. In the meantime, all staff members are pitching in to help. The Recreation Commission discussed staffing needs for the Village Links. Chairman Reinke inquired about the landscaping contract. Golf Course Superintendent Cross said the Links will be working with a new landscaping contractor this year. The landscaper will start work in April 2022. General Manager Vesevick said he cannot say enough about how well staff has handled operations this past year.

2. Reserve 22 – Brad Chapple

No report.

3. Financial – Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick said back in 2020 there was a net profit of \$868,000 with a partial season. For 2021, with a full season there was a net profit of \$1.7 million. The Village Links reserves are now up to policy levels and are funded at 140%. The final full principal payment for the Village Links bonds will be paid in December 2021, leaving only the restaurant and driving range buildout bonds outstanding. These bonds were refinanced at a lower rate this past fall, thereby decreasing interest costs. The Recreation Commission discussed possible capital projects including bunker improvements. General Manager Vesevick will share the capital improvement plan with the Recreation Commission.

4. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson

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

E. 2022 GOLF PROGRAMMING AND OPERATIONS UP-DATE – NOEL ALLEN

Director of Golf Allen noted the last two (2) years have been very successful for the Village Links especially with the milestone of hitting 80,000 golf rounds in 2021. Greens fees generated \$2.5 million, which was the highest ever. The good 2021 weather played a key role in the success of the Village Links. Golf Genius software was expanded for use by all golf leagues and tournaments, which is the industry standard now. The Links phone app is linked with Golf Genius as well. Over 50% of tee-times are now made online. The new

golf carts should be slowly trickling-in. Almost half of the Village Links debt will be gone later this year. The Links is switching to a more versatile payment provider, which was recommended by Club Prophet. The new payment provider offers a more stable solutions-based approach. The Links hired Trevor Hollowed as the new Golf Operations Manager. This new position will be working on technology and interface improvements. The biggest challenge for 2022 will be to recognize any trends early especially if some key metrics decline and then to determine the best course of action. The Links will continue to watch expenditures closely due to the capital improvements that are needed such as halfway house updates and the replacement of the golf shop counter-top.

F. OLD BUSINESS – 2022 “HAVE ONE ON US” EVENT

Director of Golf Allen said the “Have One On Us” event will take place over two (2) days during Memorial Day Weekend. On Friday, May 27, 2022 the golf contests and the family barbeque will take place. On Saturday, May 28, 2022 the tournaments will take place and guests will be able to use the driving range for free. Commissioner Graham opposed holding this event over a holiday weekend. The Recreation Commission concurred to move forward with the staff recommendation for the 2022 “Have One On Us” event.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Scott noted there are waiting lists for the women golf leagues. Chairman Reinke asked staff to continue to work on the Master Plan.

H. NEXT MEETING – 3/25/2022

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Austin moved and Commissioner Coconate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42A.M.

Submitted by Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by General Manager Jeff Vesevick