

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 27, 2022**

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Called to Order: 7:00A.M.
Adjourned: 8:14A.M.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Mark Reinke	Chair	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 May 27, 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 Chair Reinke.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 29, 2022 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 4/29/22 AS PRESENTED.

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

D. STANDING REPORTS

1. Manager – Jeff Vesevick

Director of Golf Allen said April was not a good month for golf weather-wise. Rounds played were down 52% for the month and Green Fees represented the 15th worst month over the last 16 years. In contrast, the driving range experienced the third best month over the past 16 years. The Links subscribes to a company that provides golf playable hours. According to these metrics, for April 2022 golf playable hours were 52% worse than last year. For a normal year golf playable hours are 206 through April and most courses in the area are currently at 110. Commissioner Graham asked if permanent tee-times began a week earlier this year. Director of Golf Allen will report back on this.

Reserve 22 was up 9.3% over April of 2021 and was 47.2% higher on a year-on-year. April 2022 was by far the best April ever for banquet revenues. Director of Golf Allen noted Reserve 22 hired many employees in April and the search for the next Food and Beverage Director resumes. Chair Reinke expressed concern for the level of service at Reserve 22. Director of Golf Allen reported the kitchen employee counts are improving. Chair Reinke appreciates the staff's extra work. Commissioner Diver recommended that the new Human Resources Director attend a Recreation Commission meeting to discuss recruitment efforts.

Golf Course Superintendent Cross discussed recent course maintenance work. The sod project began in the bunker area and in the practice areas. Tree stumps were grinded and entryway flowers were planted. The Clubhouse roof was inspected and repaired.

2. Financial – Jeff Vesevick

Chair Reinke asked with the bad start of the year, if the Village Links could make this up. Director of Golf Allen replied the Village Links can do better during the rest of the season. The Links is down \$500,000 from last year. Director of Golf Allen reported that May 2022 has not been as bad as April 2022.

3. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Panfish Park – Updates & Future Plans

Golf Course Superintendent Cross said repairs to the paths and pipes were made at Panfish Park. Golf Course Superintendent Cross noted he is waiting for the Request for Proposal from HLR for pond engineering. The proposal calls for engineering firms to evaluate pond depth, identify areas for restoration work, and verify if ponds are

functioning as intended for stormwater management. The study will review whether the ponds need to be restored or if lake bank stabilization work is needed. Golf Course Superintendent Cross noted the sink hole and pipe have been repaired at Panfish Park. In addition, other maintenance work at Panfish Park has taken place including the removal of 30 dead/dying trees, pruning of trees, regrading of paths, removal of weeds, and additional stones were added to the path.

Commissioner Coconate said nearby Panfish Park residents have contacted him with erosion complaints and suggestions for paving the paths. Trustee Thompson said the Village is not going to make investments at Panfish Park until the engineering recommendations are reviewed. Commissioner Coconate suggested that a path be added between the playground and the already existing paths. Trustee Thompson said there has been some discussion about the Glen Ellyn Park District taking over the maintenance of the park, while the Village would still maintain the ponds.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Village Employee Recruitment & Retention

General Manager Vesevick said the Village, like most companies is experiencing a difficult time retaining and recruiting staff. One of the suggestions to retain employees is to offer discounts at the Village Links for golf only, not for food and beverage. Commissioner Diver supports this recommendation because it will be beneficial to retain staff. Chair Reinke suggested offering the resident rate to Village staff.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND OFFERING AN EMPLOYEE GOLF RATE THAT MIRRORS THE RESIDENT RATE TO ALL VILLAGE STAFF MEMBERS AND THIS RATE IS AT THE DISCRETION OF MANAGEMENT.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Coconate

SECONDER: Commissioner Scott

AYES: Austin, Coconate, Diver, Graham, Reinke, Scott, and Slowinski

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

G. NEXT MEETING – 6/24/2022

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14A.M.

Submitted by Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by General Manager Jeff Vesevick