

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2023**

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Called to Order: 7:00A.M.
Adjourned: 8:50A.M.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Mark Reinke	Chair	Present
Nancy Carter	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Brian Diver	Commissioner	Present
Glen G. Graham	Commissioner	Present
Carol Scott	Commissioner	Present
Tom Slowinski	Commissioner	Present

Also, Present:

Jeff Vesevick	General Manager / Staff Liaison	Present
Steve Thompson	Trustee Liaison	Present
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Present
Mike Campbell	Head Golf Professional	Present
Noel Allen	Director of Golf	Present
Andrew Cross	Golf Course Superintendent	Present
Jon Satinover	Food and Beverage Director	Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

The April 28, 2023 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 MARCH 31, 2023 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 3/31/2023 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Diver

SECONDER: Commissioner Scott

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

D. STANDING REPORTS

1. Manager – Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick said March was not the best time for the Links with the volatile temperatures. Rounds were down for the month. A total of 71 participants registered for the permanent tee time program, which is slightly down from last year. The golf leagues are starting to play. With the mild winter, the greens are in good condition. Some tree removal and bunker work has been done by the Grounds crew.

General Manager Vesevick noted the Halfway House exterior enhancements should get started in the next week or two. The Halfway House restroom renovation is completed. The bid documents for the Clubhouse improvements are ready. Staff is also looking at carpeting options for portions of the Clubhouse as well. The door upgrades will be revisited at another time, because the Village did not receive any bids for this project. The Clubhouse upgrades will take place in the fall during the off-season to avoid disruption during the busy season.

2. Reserve 22 – Jon Satinover

Food and Beverage Director Jon Satinover said Reserve 22 sales were up by \$61,000 for the month of March. For this past Easter, Reserve 22 ended up with about 450 covers. Reserve 22 is hoping to have 750 covers for Mother's Day. The menu change has been very well received by guests. Event Planning and Sales Coordinator Angela Stafford created a Warhol catering menu in connection with the upcoming Warhol exhibit at the College of DuPage McAninch Arts Center. The new Restaurant Manager, Brittany Eads, created a training program for new hires. The banquet business continues to do really well. Food and Beverage Director Jon Satinover said going into the spring he feels confident with the staffing levels and training.

3. Financial – Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick said Reserve 22 experienced the biggest volume ever for March, but also incurred the highest expenses as well. New umbrellas and a new dishwasher machine were purchased. Village Manager Franz inquired if Martin has compiled Master Plan cost estimates, and if revenue loss has been factored in, and how the course is going to manage this. General Manager Vesevick said this is all part of the Master Plan process and included in the next steps.

4. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson

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

E. GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE SUMMARY AND PLAN – ANDREW CROSS

Golf Course Superintendent Cross said the biggest challenge for 2022 was labor. Some of the biggest accomplishments in 2022 included getting the weeds under control. All the benches and ball washers have been replaced. Golf Course Superintendent Cross discussed how the new equipment has enhanced course maintenance. The whole idea is

to improve playability and consistency. Safety is still a top priority. The Grounds Crew is always looking for ways to improve efficiencies. Commissioner Graham said the appearance and the playability of the golf course has improved dramatically since Golf Course Superintendent Cross started. Commissioner Graham asked what the life expectancy is for the recent equipment purchases. Golf Course Superintendent Cross replied about 10 years with some value at the time of trade-in. Chair Reinke thanked Golf Course Superintendent Cross for the report and told him to keep up the good work.

F. GOLF COURSE MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS – GREG MARTIN

Greg Martin presented the Master Plan key concepts. Martin said the common theme of the Master Plan is update and upgrade, but keep the Village Links as is. Martin explained staff is halfway through the Master Plan process, which includes an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The Village Links strengths include the garden and the fantastic atmosphere, while the weaknesses include the bunkers and the trees. The opportunities are to simplify the maintenance process and remove non-native trees, while the threats include aging infrastructure, higher labor costs, and other competing courses improving their sites.

The project mission statement is to improve the Village Links golf course to ensure its continued operating success, while making the entire experience more user friendly. Martin noted there is a cost of not doing anything which includes less efficient maintenance operations, higher recovery costs, decreased revenue, and eroding customer satisfaction. The guiding principles for the Master Plan include modernizing the golf course, build features for better enjoyment and operations and management, while creating a golf experience that is simultaneously played for golfers.

Some of the Master Plan goals include reducing maintenance demands, improve bunker drainage, improve playability, all while retaining character of the golf course. Martin is proposing the Village Links consider the Better Billy Bunker Method, which makes bunkers last longer and less time is spent on recovery. Martin said there are some parking challenges at the Village Links and there are some options that should be considered. Martin also proposed heated hitting bays, and expanding the practice tee. Martin said he would like to expand the landing area, provide more tee space, and expand the fairway. Martin also proposed making the golf range more storm water friendly.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed improvements throughout the courses. Martin said the bottom line is fewer bunkers in more relevant locations, wider fairways and landing areas for higher handicaps, expand the greens surrounds, expand the tee surface, and improve parking for Clubhouse access. The next steps in the process are to determine the costs and then implementation. Chair Reinke inquired about the project's impact on playability. Martin suggested working on 9-holes at a time in three (3) separate seasons. Chair Reinke commended Martin's efforts on today's presentation.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

None.

I. NEXT MEETING – 5/26/2023

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scott moved and Commissioner Slowinski seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50A.M.

Submitted by Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by General Manager Jeff Vesevick