

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 26, 2023**

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Called to Order: 7:00A.M.
Adjourned: 7:41A.M.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Mark Reinke	Chair	Excused Absence
Nancy Carter	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Brian Diver	Commissioner	Excused Absence
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	Excused Absence
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Excused Absence
Noel Allen	Director of Golf	Excused Absence
Andrew Cross	Golf Course Superintendent	Present
Jon Satinover	Food and Beverage Director	Excused Absence
Mike Campbell	Head Golf Professional	Excused Absence

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 26, 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 Commissioner Graham.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 28, 2023 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 4/28/2023 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Scott

SECONDER: Commissioner Coconate

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Diver and Reinke

D. STANDING REPORTS

1. Manager – Jeff Vesevick

General Manager Vesevick said overall April 2023 was a positive month with revenues up across the board. April 2023 was the second-best April in a long time and revenues were up in all categories as detailed below.

Revenue	April 2023 vs April 2022	Year to Date 2023 vs 2022
Rounds	90%	66%
Green Fees	92%	91%
Driving Range	84%	59%
Motor Cart	78%	75%
Resident Card	80%	11%
Overall Golf Revenue	105%	68%

The increase in volume comes with higher expenses as well. The junior camps are getting filled. The Golf staff has been busy onboarding seasonal staff members and preparing for the *Have One On Us* event this upcoming weekend. The Grounds crew is fully staffed and keeping the greens in fantastic condition. A full-time equipment manager was hired. Golf Course Superintendent Cross noted this new team member has already made quite an impact. General Manager Vesevick noted the bid packets for the Clubhouse improvements will be compiled next week. The bid opening will take place in July and then the projects will be scheduled. Golf Course Superintendent Cross estimated that the remaining Halfway House improvements will take place the first full week in June. General Manager Vesevick noted Director of Golf Allen is working on updating the Proshop with a fresh look that will match the rest of the Clubhouse.

2. Reserve 22 – Jon Satinover

General Manager Vesevick reported Reserve 22 has been incredibly busy. Revenues through April 2023 were up about \$500,000, of which 40% has been put to the bottom line. Angela Stafford, Event Planning and Sales Coordinator, continues to book banquets. So far this year the facility has run-out of parking spaces about a half dozen times. The facility typically only runs out of parking spaces in June, July, and August, so this occurred earlier this year. Despite the cold weather, about 500 guests dined at Reserve 22 for Mother's Day. Commissioner Coconate commented the Mother's Day event was very well run, but expensive. General Manager Vesevick noted in order to be competitive, staff researches what other local restaurants are charging. Also, food costs have drastically increased in some categories as much as 35%. Commissioner Graham suggested offering a senior price break. General Manager Vesevick noted he is looking into hiring a part-time event assistant because of the high demand for banquets. Commissioner Carter asked what is the maximum number of guests for a banquet. General Manager Vesevick replied about 140 people.

3. Financial – Jeff Vesevick

The net position is \$200,000 better than it was last year at this time. General Manager Vesevick estimated that with the upcoming weekend, the Village Links will most likely

reach \$1M in revenues for the month of May. This will be the first time the \$1M level has been achieved for the month of May. General Manager Vesevick said cash reserves are in good condition and with the lower debt costs, he plans to spend more on capital in the coming years. General Manager Vesevick said Greg Martin put together a cost estimate for all the projects included in the Master Plan. Staff will be reviewing this report and then recommending a capital plan at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Graham inquired if some the Master Plan recommendations will be included. General Manager Vesevick said he would like to proceed with some of the Master Plan projects, but the disruption to the course needs to be factored into the decision making as well. Commissioner Graham inquired about the growth in wages. General Manager Vesevick replied personnel costs increased due to insurance premiums for new staff members, more service hours to handle the higher volume, and greater labor costs.

4. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson
None.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Scott asked how the registration for the *Have One on Us* is going because she has not seen much promotion. General Manager Vesevick replied staff publicized the event on social media and on posters. The tee-times will be filled and Friday night will be the big family night.

F. NEW BUSINESS

General Manager Vesevick mentioned that a resident who lives near the 5th Tee of the 18-hole course complained about an increase in the number of golf balls in her backyard. General Manager Vesevick said staff visited the residence and there is really nothing the Links can do to stop this from happening.

G. NEXT MEETING – 6/30/2023

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scott moved and Commissioner Graham seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41A.M.

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