



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 29, 2023
7:00 AM
Village Links/Reserve 22

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: September 29, 2023
Called to Order: 7:00 a.m.
Adjourned: 7:58 a.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Carol Scott	Chairperson	Present
Nancy Carter	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Brian Diver	Commissioner	Present
Tom Slowinski	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Jeff Vesevick	General Manager / Staff Liaison	Absent
Steve Thompson	Trustee Liaison	Present
Noel Allen	Director of Golf	Present
Andrew Cross	Golf Course Superintendent	Absent
Jon Satinover	Food & Beverage Director	Present
Mike Campbell	Head Golf Professional	Absent

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The September 29, 2023 meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 a.m. at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairman Scott.

B. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 28, 2023 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 28, 2023 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Coconate

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Diver

RESULT: Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2023 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2023 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Carter

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Diver

RESULT: Unanimous

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Manager Vesevick is pleased to announce that Carol Scott has accepted the role of Chairperson of the Recreation Commission.

E. STANDING REPORTS

1. *Manager – Noel Allen* – Director Allen presents August as a strong month for golf and food services, boasting record-breaking numbers in nearly every category over the past 18 years with the exception of one category – the driving range. However, he notes that certain factors, such as weather conditions and the ongoing impact of Covid-related contractions, have influenced the utilization of playable hours. Although the weather factor slightly increased by 2 and rounds played remained stable, overall utilization is down slightly. Despite these challenges, golf remains robust. He addresses inquiries from Commissioner Slowinski regarding high school play, indicating their special discounted rate on the nine-hole courses, benefiting schools like Glenbard South, Glenbard West, and Montini, with occasional visits from St. Francis. Regarding the course's condition, Director Allen mentions the challenges posed by outings and high school play, resulting in increased ball marks and divots. On renovations, he reports that bids have been opened for the locker room, kitchen, and bathrooms. He states bids are still being evaluated. Jeff is hoping to begin renovations in November after Thanksgiving. Concerning the Pro Shop renovations, deposits have been made on the fixtures and carpet. We are waiting to get a confirmed date on material deliveries. The renovations aim to elevate the overall image and brand of the golf course. Additionally, a drone videographer has been employed to enhance marketing efforts through updated flyovers featured on the website.

2. *Reserve 22 – Jon Satinover* – Director Satinover presents a positive update on banquets, noting an impressive 74% increase compared to the previous year. He highlights a recent marketing meeting with Julie, the marketing strategist, to strategize increasing December numbers. An assistant has been recruited for Angela, which will relieve her of approximately 15 hours of work, allowing her to focus on expanding the banquet business.

Satinover adds satisfaction ratings on OpenTable stand impressively at 4.6, with every guest granting a 100% recommendation. The ongoing Octoberfest event has received great feedback and runs through October 5. Looking ahead, the chef plans to introduce a new menu in November. Additionally, the restaurant has exciting plans, including a

bourbon night on October 16 and an upcoming pumpkin carving event.

3. *Financial – Noel Allen* – Director Allen presents positive financial news, indicating an operating profit of \$1.7 million, an increase from last year's \$1.1 million. Cash basis through August stands at \$3 million. While cash reserves remain to be in a good position, we still have plans to purchase necessary equipment this year.

4. *Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson* – We have recently finalized the selection of two new commissioners, and their approval by the Village Board is slated for October 9. We anticipate their presence at the October meeting.

Currently, we are engaged in budget discussions at the Village Board level. In terms of ongoing projects, the CBD Streetscape is wrapping up. Also, in support of local businesses affected by this project, we approved a grant program on Monday, offering a \$6,000 grant to businesses able to demonstrate losses. Interested businesses are required to submit the necessary documentation.

Additionally, progress on the Apex project is noteworthy. Permits for restaurants have been successfully obtained. Among the upcoming additions, Kimmers is set to open an ice cream shop, and a new pizza place is also in the works. These restaurants are expected to open their doors sometime in the spring.

F. OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Carter requested materials related to the Master Plan in advance of our upcoming meeting. Director Allen will coordinate with Jeff to send these materials to the commission for review before the discussion.

G. NEW BUSINESS – None

H. NEXT MEETING - October 27, 2023

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Diver motions and Commissioner Carter seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Jeff Vesevick, Staff Liaison