



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 27, 2023
7:00 AM
Village Links/Reserve 22

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: October 27, 2023
Called to Order: 7:05 a.m.
Adjourned: 8:29 a.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Carol Scott	Chairperson	Present
Nancy Carter	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Scott Coldiron	Commissioner	Present
Brian Diver	Commissioner	Absent
James Ozog	Commissioner	Present
Tom Slowinski	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

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

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The October 27, 2023 meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:05 a.m. at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairperson Scott.

B. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Coconate

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carter

RESULT: Unanimous

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Manager Vesevick is pleased to welcome two new commissioners Scott Coldiron and James Ozog.

E. STANDING REPORTS

1. *Manager – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick highlights that September marked another successful month in terms of golf and food and beverage revenue. The increase in green fees contributed to this positive outcome, surpassing last year's figures and marking the best performance we've seen in the last 11 years. He adds that September is traditionally a busy month for golf outings, with nearly every other day booked for events. Additionally, the nine-hole courses are frequently occupied by high schools. Looking ahead to October, the trend of frequent outings is expected to continue, especially in the first few weeks of the month.

2. *Reserve 22 – Jon Satinover* – Director Satinover states that we've recently completed our honey harvest. This honey is a key ingredient in six of our signature cocktails. Our new menu has been finalized and is set to launch on November 1. We've already received 160 reservations for Thanksgiving, and our goal is to reach 400, a target that appears entirely feasible. To further expand our banquet business, Angela, Julie, and I have identified areas for growth. Angela will be collaborating with local funeral homes to secure referrals, and we plan to send out an e-blast to promote holiday parties.

3. *Financial – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick shares encouraging financial updates: both golf and food have excelled, resulting in an impressive 80% increase in net operating income. Additionally, Food & Beverage experienced a 26% increase in revenues. Currently, our cash basis stands at approximately \$3.3 million. Golf Superintendent Cross has purchased the last two pieces of equipment needed for this year. Looking ahead, renovations for the golf shop and clubhouse are in the pipeline and are expected to begin post-Thanksgiving.

4. *Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson* – Trustee Thompson reports there are ongoing discussions between the Village and the Park District regarding the U.S. Bank site. A recent meeting addressed various design elements, and further talks are scheduled in November to finalize the concept. CBD Streetscape renovations are near completion for the season, with Main Street now open for parking. Negotiations with developers for the hotel site are ongoing, and the village is currently immersed in budget discussions.

F. OLD BUSINESS – None

G. NEW BUSINESS – The Master Improvement Plan – Manager Vesevick highlights the need to reinvest in the golf course, particularly focusing on bunkers and drainage systems that haven't seen upgrades in two decades. He acknowledges the challenge of shutting down parts of the course, leading to revenue loss, and emphasizes the complexity of deciding what improvements to make and how to fund them. He stresses

the importance of determining the acceptable debt level and phasing in these improvements. He looks to the commission for support in approving the Master Plan to guide this process.

The Recreation Commission discusses the proposed Master Plan for renovating the golf course. The plan was created by golf course architect Greg Martin with the earliest possibility to break ground in 2027. Several components of the plan were discussed, including redesigning bunkers, modifying fairways, improving drainage, renovating the driving range and practice areas, reconfiguring the parking lot, and considering winter activities such as heated driving range. The commission felt the bunkers needed priority attention due to playability issues.

The commission decides it would be best to review the plan systematically in upcoming meetings. They ask Manager Vesevick to create a structured agenda, concentrating the discussion on essential aspects of the plan. They also suggest communicating upcoming renovation timelines more clearly in the spring newsletter.

Manager Vesevick states our traditional time to discuss golf rates will be next month. Director Allen has drafted a proposal, which will be circulated to the commission a week prior to the meeting. The commission will vote on adopting the proposal during the meeting. If approved, it will be submitted to the village board for final approval in December.

H. NEXT MEETING - November 17, 2023

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carter motions and Commissioner Coconate seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Jeff Vesevick, Staff Liaison