



Minutes  
Village of Glen Ellyn  
Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2024  
7:00 AM  
Village Links/Reserve 22

**Board or Commission:** Recreation  
**Meeting:** Regular  
**Quorum:** Yes

**Date:** February 23, 2024  
**Called to Order:** 7:00 a.m.  
**Adjourned:** 7:46 a.m.

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

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| Carol Scott          | Chairperson                     | Present |
| Nancy Carter         | Commissioner                    | Present |
| Tony Coconate        | Commissioner                    | Absent  |
| Scott Coldiron       | Commissioner                    | Present |
| Brian Diver          | Commissioner                    | Present |
| James Ozog           | Commissioner                    | Absent  |
| Tom Slowinski        | Commissioner                    | Absent  |
| <b>Also Present:</b> |                                 |         |
| Jeff Vesevick        | General Manager / Staff Liaison | Present |
| Steve Thompson       | Trustee Liaison                 | Present |
| Noel Allen           | Director of Golf                | Absent  |
| 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 February 23, 2024 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 Chairperson Scott.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2024**

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MOTION BY: Commissioner Diver

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Coldiron

RESULT: Unanimous

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT – None****D. STANDING REPORTS**

1. *Manager – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provides an update on several fronts. First, the golf shop is currently undergoing renovations. Additionally, Vince Crovetti has been promoted to the position of 1st Assistant Golf Professional, and we are pleased to have him on board full-time. During the winter months, we typically focus on donation drives and booking golf outings. However, January's cold and snowy weather deterred customers from visiting the restaurant. Andrew has been busy removing trees, restoring equipment like carts, and preparing the golf course for the upcoming season. Notably, a tree was removed from the bunker fairway on the left side of Hole #9 of the 18-Hole course.

2. *Reserve 22 – Jon Satinover* – Director Satinover provides several updates. First, we recently hosted fundraisers for Park View and St. James. We are actively recruiting to fill three open positions: restaurant manager, event planner, and sous chef. We have received approximately 10-15 applications for the restaurant manager position and 5-10 applications for the event planner role. We anticipate filling these positions very soon. Additionally, we are preparing for our Easter Buffet scheduled for March 31st from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, priced at \$55 per person excluding tax and gratuity. Currently, we have 99 guests registered for the event. The Chili Cook-off event, scheduled for Sunday, February 25th, is trending above last year's participation. Furthermore, we are honored to be nominated as Restaurant of the Year in Glen Ellyn. The winner will be announced on March 12th at the Community Awards Ceremony hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the Abbington.

3. *Financial – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provides a financial update, noting that January typically results in financial losses, necessitating the use of cash reserves. This January, however, stands out as one of the worst in the past several years. Several factors contribute to this, including adverse weather conditions and the significant impact of the recent minimum wage increase. Revenues are struggling to keep pace with the 10% raise in minimum wage, posing ongoing challenges. Additionally, mechanical repairs in the kitchen further strained finances during January. Despite these setbacks, there is optimism about recovering lost revenue once golf season picks up in the spring. Andrew mentions recent upgrades, such as replacing restaurant lighting with LEDs, completed over a three-day period. However, there were also challenges, such as a frozen pipe burst near the south banquet room. Looking ahead, new equipment purchases, including large utility carts, mowers, and a top dresser, have been approved and are underway. While these purchases bring the equipment inventory up to date, plans for future purchases are also being considered to ensure operational readiness in the coming years.

Manager Vesevick mentions that Andrew and Matt attended the superintendent conference/tradeshow in Phoenix, where they engaged with vendors and found the experience highly productive. Andrew further elaborates that they are investigating a vendor offering add-ons to equip existing equipment, particularly mowers, with autonomous capabilities. This "bolt-on" kit can be attached to the mower, allowing for autonomous operation, with payment based on hourly usage rather than requiring a

capital investment. The conference provided valuable networking opportunities and established promising contacts for future collaborations.

4. *Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson* – Trustee Thompson provides an update, mentioning that on Monday night, they will discuss the hotel site the Village purchased. There are two offers on the table: one for \$1.5 million on the east, and the other for \$1.75 million to the west. Half of the property is earmarked for commercial purposes, while the other half will be allocated for affordable housing targeting individuals earning \$50,000 annually. The plan involves constructing a three-story building and adding more parking for the animal hospital. These projects will undergo review by various commissions before returning to the Board for approval. The property garnered interest from nine developers, some vying for the entire property while others sought partial ownership. The current economic climate, marked by high interest rates, presents challenges for commercial development.

**E. OLD BUSINESS** - Manager Vesevick mentions that public meetings for the Master Plan will be held on March 26th and April 3rd. These meetings will be publicized to all residents. Greg Martin, the architect, will present the Master Plan hole by hole at these meetings. Public comments will be collected and reviewed. Regarding the clubhouse project, on Monday night, a change order will be proposed to the Board not to exceed \$180,000 for adjustments to accommodate ADA bathrooms. We will have to pay \$34,000 to the architects. Approval for these changes and all required permits are the goal. The ladies' room will include approximately 15 lockers large enough for golf clubs, while the men's room will have approximately 25 lockers and an additional sink. Design plans will be shared with the commission once received.

Manager Vesevick added in anticipation of improving weather conditions, Noel has ordered portable unisex restrooms. These facilities will be cleaned daily and equipped with heating and hot water. While they are not ADA compliant, the restaurant does have ADA compliant restrooms available. In response to a question about the completion date for the clubhouse, Manager Vesevick stated that the target is May 1st. Approval for the change order and receipt of the architect's design drawing are needed to achieve this target. Once completed, the clubhouse will offer excellent facilities. Inquiring about locker arrangements for 2024, Chairperson Scott was informed that those who had lockers in 2023 will be given first right of refusal.

**F. NEW BUSINESS** – Manager Vesevick announces that after 29 successful years, 2024 will mark his final season. Reflecting on his time, he expresses gratitude for the fantastic opportunity and experiences. He acknowledges that it's time to start the next chapter of his life and expresses confidence in the staff currently in place to continue moving the operation forward.

**G. NEXT MEETING** - March 22, 2024

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Carter motions and Commissioner Coldiron seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

**Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary**

**Reviewed by Jeff Vesevick, Staff Liaison**