



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 28, 2024
7:00 AM
Village Links/Reserve 22

Board or Commission:	Recreation	Date:	June 28, 2024
Meeting:	Regular	Called to Order:	7:00 a.m.
Quorum:	Yes	Adjourned:	8:20 a.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Carol Scott	Chairperson	Absent
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

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The June 28, 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 Commissioner Coconate.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 31, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 31, 2024 MEETING
MOTION BY: Commissioner Slowinski
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carter
RESULT: Unanimous

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

D. STANDING REPORTS

1. *Manager – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provided an update, stating that May was a good month for the second year in a row. Although it wasn't as strong as last year, it was still a solid performance, reaching the million-dollar mark, which is becoming common place. Golf remains strong, with an average of 400 rounds played per day, although the total rounds were slightly down. There has been an increase in younger people coming out to golf, and leagues started in May.

2. *Reserve 22 – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provided an update, noting activity was slower in May due to evening rain and fewer banquets compared to last year. The Mother's Day buffet was successful with 300 guests, although slightly down from the previous year. Additionally, we have a new restaurant manager who is doing well with training the staff.

3. *Financial – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provided a financial update, noting that our revenues are similar to last year's. However, expenses have increased due to renovations and payroll. Despite this, cash reserves are up by \$200,000, putting us in a good position.

4. *Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson* – Trustee Thompson provided an update on several village developments. The Village is currently conducting interviews for a Community Development Director position. Additionally, they have hired a new village attorney, as our current attorney, Greg Matthews, is set to retire next month. Over the past decade, utilizing in-house legal counsel has resulted in significant cost savings for the Village.

Regarding the CBD Streetscape and Train station, next year is expected to be a quieter period, with work anticipated to commence on Crescent and Forest the following year. Currently, the village is addressing various design considerations. The Village Board recently approved parallel parking as the preferred option for Crescent and Forest streets, passing the decision with a 4-3 vote.

In other developments, details about a restaurant concept in the Apex building will be disclosed shortly. Furthermore, Glen Oak Country Club has expressed interest in expanding their parking lot to the north and has received approval from the Plan Commission and will come before the Village Board for final approval.

E. OLD BUSINESS – Manager Vesevick mentioned that at last month's meeting, there was a discussion about naming the boardroom after Ed Posh and asked if the commission still wanted to proceed with this.

Commissioner Ozog motioned to rename the Village Links/Reserve 22 boardroom to the Ed Posh Boardroom. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Manager Vesevick provided an update on the renovations, stating that the locker room inspection did not pass despite completion of all walls and framing. Once the inspection

is approved and additional materials arrive, we anticipate completing the project by late August to early September. Commissioner Carter inquired about the locker count, to which Manager Vesevick confirmed 17 for women and 25 for men.

Manager Vesevick updated on the Master Plan, staff will recommend proceeding with the contract for value engineering. This recommendation will be presented at the Village Board workshop scheduled for July.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Golf Outing Policy Discussion - Manager Vesevick informed the RC that inquiries have been received regarding the operation of charitable golf outings, specifically concerning discounts for Glen Ellyn residents. Currently, we do not offer resident discounts for these outings. Commissioner Ozog inquired about the pricing structure of these charitable events. Director of Golf Allen explained that pricing varies based on the day of the week and the month of the outing, with outings held in April, May, and October and on weekdays being cheaper than those held from June to September, particularly on weekends. The pricing is competitive compared to nearby courses.

Manager Vesevick added that it's important to clarify that Village Links is not subsidized by the Village of Glen Ellyn. If it were, there might be consideration for offering resident discounts for charitable golf outings. Trustee Thompson noted that a recent golf outing by the Chamber of Commerce sparked this discussion about resident discounts.

Manager Vesevick emphasized that while Village Links does not offer discounts for these charitable golf outings, we support these charitable outings by donating items for their silent auctions. Director of Golf Allen pointed out that charitable golf outings typically rely on sponsorships rather than fees for golfing to generate revenue. He recommended against offering discounts and suggested maintaining a healthy balance between golf outings and regular play, minimizing the disruption of regular play as much as possible.

Commissioner Ozog motioned to approve management's recommendation that the policy of no discounts for golf outings remain in place; Commissioner Coldiron seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Manager Vesevick explained that golf outings are intended for enjoyment and fundraising. Previously, for these outings we have allowed sponsorships that distribute alcohol at specific holes, leading to concerns about overconsumption and difficulty in oversight. To address this issue, staff is suggesting prohibiting outside alcohol from being brought in and distributed for free. Village Links currently provides alcohol, but allowing sponsorships to distribute alcohol affects staff earnings, recruitment efforts, and revenue, while also complicating over service monitoring.

Current staff members are empowered to refuse alcohol service, and all bartenders must be Basset trained. The preference is for internal bartenders to manage service. The golf course assumes responsibility for any over service incidents. Manager Vesevick emphasized the importance of preventing sponsorships from undercutting revenue, which also applies to food sponsorships. Previously, Chick-Fil-A has provided complimentary food at holes, prompting a remedy of introducing a \$7.50 corkage fee per

person for food brought in by sponsors.

Commissioner Ozog motioned to approve management's recommendation of implementing a \$7.50 corkage fee per person for food and prohibiting outside alcohol from being brought in for golf outings. The motion was voted on and passed with 4 commissioners voting in favor (ayes) and 1 commissioner (Commissioner Coldiron) voting against (nay).

Manager Vesevick provided an update to the commission regarding the upcoming end of Commissioners Diver and Slowinski's terms this year. Trustee Thompson inquired if they wish to seek reappointment by the board. Commissioner Carter has already been reappointed for another year. Commissioner Slowinski expressed willingness to be reappointed, and Trustee Thompson noted that Commissioner Slowinski's reappointment will be considered. Manager Vesevick will follow up with Commissioner Diver to confirm his reappointment status.

G. NEXT MEETING - July 26, 2024

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coconate motioned and Commissioner Ozog seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Jeff Vesevick, Staff Liaison