



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

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: August 23, 2024
Called to Order: 7:01 a.m.
Adjourned: 7:58 a.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Carol Scott	Chairperson	Present
Nancy Carter	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Scott Coldiron	Commissioner	Present
James Ozog	Commissioner	Absent
Tom Slowinski	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Jeff Vesevick	General Manager / Staff Liaison	
Steve Thompson	Trustee Liaison	
Andrew Cross	Golf Course Superintendent	
Noel Allen	Director of Golf	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The August 23, 2024 meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01 a.m. at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairperson Scott.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 26, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 26, 2024 MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Coconate

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Coldiron

RESULT: Unanimous

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

1. *Manager – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provided an update, noting that July was rainy but did not result in too many rain days. Despite the weather, July marked the third consecutive million-dollar month. Demand for golf remains high, with no open tee times available. In a survey by West Suburban Living Magazine, Village Links was ranked the #1 course in DuPage County. Outings are strong, matching last year's numbers but with better revenue. Junior programs continue to thrive, thanks to Vince Crovetti's efforts. However, participation in the Junior and Couples Championships was low, with only three couples participating, indicating a potential need to revise the format. The course is in excellent condition, and the Master Plan is progressing, with the board recently approving the Concept Verification contract. We are now in the process of obtaining cost estimates and developing a financial plan to fund the project.

Andrew provided an update on grounds maintenance, stating that mulch has been installed in all the beds and some trees have been removed along the fence line. However, the team is currently short-staffed, as eight staff members have returned to school, and three are on vacation.

2. *Reserve 22 – Jon Satinover* – Manager Vesevick presented Satinover's report, highlighting that the restaurant is effectively managing labor costs by sending staff home when not needed, resulting in reduced labor expenses. While sales have declined compared to last year, profit margins have improved, and costs of goods are at or below budget. Overall, sales are down 8%. The restaurant has received a 97% recommendation rate on OpenTable and maintains a 4.7-star rating. There has been positive feedback on the newly added wines and cocktails, and the bartenders recently completed additional training. As the seasoned staff returns to school, efforts are underway to fill those positions. Banquet sales are slightly down.

3. *Financial – Jeff Vesevick* – Manager Vesevick provided a financial update, noting that although most sales categories are down, operational profitability has increased. Revenues remain strong, but net income has dipped slightly due to higher-than-anticipated expenses from the clubhouse renovations, nearly double what was initially projected. Despite these costs, our cash position is very good, and we are experiencing a strong August. Overall, we are in solid financial shape; however, we will need to set aside funds in the coming years to support the implementation of the Master Plan.

4. *Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson* – Trustee Thompson provided an update, noting that on Monday night, the village discussed adjustments to the Glen Oak Country Club's lighting plan, as the current setup is too bright. The village also addressed the topic of hen keeping. Regarding the hotel site, commercial plans will be submitted soon. The CBD Streetscape project is wrapping up for the season, will pause next year, and then resume with train station improvements in 2027. Apex is changing ownership to Randy Moss, with a meeting scheduled with him in the coming weeks. The Taste of Glen Ellyn event was well attended, and the new Community Development Director will start on Monday.

E. OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Thompson announced that the Village is reappointing Tom Slowinski and Tony Coconate to the Recreation Commission. Interviews for a new commissioner to replace Commissioner Diver are scheduled for Friday. The Village extends its gratitude to Commissioner Diver for his service.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Golf Cart GPS System Discussion – Manager Vesevick reported that the decision was made to switch our GPS system to a better option, although there have been a few glitches that Noel is addressing. Noel explained that the switch to Tag Marshal was necessary because the equipment from Yamatrack was out of warranty, with screens beginning to fail, and replacement costs would have been around \$1,000 each. Tagmarshal was chosen as it offers all the basic GPS functionality and allows monitoring for both carts and walkers. This system enables management to track play in real-time and address slow play more effectively by dispatching rangers as needed.

However, Tagmarshal has grown rapidly, leading to a decline in their service quality, with issues like intermittent GPS malfunctions and non-functioning screens. Additionally, we had to separate our courses within the system, which caused further complications. While we are close to resolving these issues, it's important to note that we also experienced problems with Yamatrack. The goal is to have everything sorted out by the end of the season.

Chairperson Scott inquired about the rationale behind the price increase for yearly locker rentals from \$80.00 to \$150.00. Director Allen explained that the amenities have been significantly improved, making it more of a premium locker room experience. Charging \$150.00 for storing your clubs for a year is considered fair. Manager Vesevick added that they compared fees at other courses, and the new rate is in line with industry standards.

G. NEXT MEETING - September 27, 2024

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coconate motioned and Commissioner Slowinski seconded 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