



Minutes
 Village of Glen Ellyn
 Recreation Commission
 Regular Meeting
 August 22, 2025
 7:00 AM
 Village Links/Reserve 22

Board or Commission: Recreation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: August 22, 2025
Called to Order: 7:04 a.m.
Adjourned: 8:18 a.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Carol Scott	Chairperson	Present
Nancy Carter	Commissioner	Present
Tony Coconate	Commissioner	Present
Scott Coldiron	Commissioner	Absent
James Ozog	Commissioner	Present
Rick Quoss	Commissioner	Present
Tom Slowinski	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Noel Allen	General Manager Village Links	
Andrew Cross	Golf Course Superintendent	
Steve Thompson	Village Trustee	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Public		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The August 22, 2025 meeting of the Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:04 a.m. at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn; 485 Winchell Way; Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairperson Scott.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 25, 2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 25, 2025 MEETING
MOTION BY: Commissioner Carter
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Coconate
RESULT: Unanimous

D. STANDING REPORTS

1. Financial – *Noel Allen* – Manager Allen provided several updates. July began strong but ended with a decline in revenues, which were down 4% due to reduced food sales and grounded carts. Operating expenses for July increased by 3%, largely because of higher administrative expenses, including accounting service charges and insurance. Golf operating supplies also appeared higher this month due to the purchase of range balls, and Reserve 22 labor costs saw a slight increase. Pro shop revenues were down; however, related costs were significantly lower due to invoice payment timing.

Year-to-date, total revenues are down 1% (approximately \$40,000), primarily driven by a decline in revenue from Reserve 22. Operating expenses are up 1%, while the year-to-date change in position has increased by 1%.

For capital projects, the remaining balance on the HVAC system will be paid, and approximately \$60,000 has been allocated for the purchase and installation of security cameras, which are scheduled to be installed at the end of the year. Additionally, \$100,000 is due to the Park District for Panfish Park; if that payment is not made, the funds will be transferred to the Village by year's end.

2. Manager's Report

A. Golf – *Noel Allen* – Manager Allen provided an update on golf operations, noting that Director Campbell has been out following an ATV accident a few weeks ago and is now recovering well. July was an active month for golf, with junior camps running Monday through Friday and achieving near full capacity, making it a very successful season. However, the intense heat during the second half of July slowed overall golf activity.

This year, 21 juniors participated in the junior tournament, which is fewer than in past years, reflecting a lower interest among youth in competitive play. Participation in championships overall has been declining, with some golfers potentially not wanting to have their scores posted. The Champions Dinner was held again this year, and the Couples Championship saw participation from seven couples, an increase from the 2 couples last year, but significantly less than our top years. Efforts are being made to rebuild interest in these events.

Additionally, the course hosted the Illinois PGA Qualifier, which brings in slight revenue and attracts a high caliber of players. Golf outings represented 6% of total rounds and 11% of total revenues, with seven shotgun starts this year, three more than last year. Driving range pricing was increased, and revenues have not been negatively affected. Improvements to the driving range tees have enhanced the practice facility, with thanks extended to Andrew and his team for their work.

B. Reserve 22 – *Noel Allen* – Manager Allen reported that Jon Satinover has resigned to accept a position as Director of Food & Beverage at Glen Oak. Congratulations were extended to him on his new role. The search for a new Food & Beverage Director is underway, with interviews currently in progress.

In July, restaurant and bar revenues were down 11.4%, while banquets saw a 3.7% increase; however, banquet performance is still below target, and efforts are ongoing to improve this area. Brittney and Kim have stepped up to help manage operations during this transition.

A new AC unit was installed in July, and a new sous chef has joined the team. Noel noted that with each change in Food & Beverage leadership, the restaurant has continued to improve, and he anticipates this positive trend will continue with the next director.

C. Grounds – Andrew Cross - Superintendent Cross provided several updates. July presented challenging weather conditions—hot and muggy early in the month, followed by hot and wet conditions as it progressed, which affected bunker maintenance. Despite this, the course received excellent feedback from participants in the Illinois Open qualifier.

Tree crowns were raised on holes 7–18, generating a significant amount of mulch, and options for its use are being considered. A door on the roof required repairs due to improper sealing. Early July also required extensive hand watering, and a rainfall of 4.6 inches was recorded on a Sunday.

The bunkers have since been restored, and the team will begin seeding fairways moving forward. Overall, the course is doing very well compared to other golf facilities.

3. Trustee Liaison – Steve Thompson – Trustee Thompson shared several updates, beginning with the sudden and sad passing of Trustee Steve Szymanski a few weeks ago. The board attended his funeral, and his loss has been deeply felt. Trustee Szymanski's years of service on the Capital Improvement Commission and his recent election to the Village Board in April were recognized and appreciated. Applications are currently being accepted through Monday to fill his seat for the remainder of his term, which will run for two years until the next election.

Thompson also noted that on Monday the board will discuss a proposed change to the village speed limit, currently 30 MPH, after receiving a request from residents to lower it to 25 MPH. The decision will be based on input from the police, fire department, and the community.

Additional updates included Starbucks moving in next to Andy's and feedback received on playground equipment at Panfish Park. A meeting to discuss equipment for children ages 2–5 and the removal of the teeter-totter will be held on September 4 at 5:30 PM at the police station. Budget discussions are also expected to begin soon.

E. OLD BUSINESS – Manager Allen announced the reappointment of Carol Scott as Chairperson for a one-year term and Nancy Carter as Commissioner for a three-year term.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Golf cart fleet replacement - Manager Allen reported that a little over a month ago, three different cart models were reviewed, and the Yamaha carts were the preferred choice. Noel provided a draft proposal (attached) outlining the reasoning and cost analysis for this recommendation, which will be presented to the board. He noted that

cart pricing is likely to increase by approximately \$2 per cart when the new fleet is added, similar to a green fee adjustment. Financially, a four-year replacement cycle is more beneficial than a six-year cycle, as carts in their fifth and sixth years tend to become noisy and unsightly. The facility often utilizes up to 95 carts in a single day.

Trustee Thompson inquired about the aftermarket for the current fleet, and Noel stated that the trade-in value is approximately \$342,000, with the carts likely to be sent to lower-tier golf courses. He added that this replacement plan makes sense from both maintenance and warranty standpoint, as the current warranty expires after four years.

Commissioner Coconate asked whether there were plans to transition to electric carts. Noel explained that, at this time, electrification is not planned due to the need for additional infrastructure such as a building and charging stations, as well as an increase in fleet size to 120 carts to allow for charging. Although the current fleet is slightly below the recommended number, scheduling adjustments have made it workable.

Staff recommended purchasing 95 2026 Yamaha carts in Bluestone Metallic with upgraded grey touring seats and upgraded batteries, to provide the most premium gas cart experience possible.

Commissioner Coconate moved to approve the staff recommendation as outlined in the proposal, and Commissioner Slowinski seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

G. NEXT MEETING - September 26, 2025

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coconate motioned and Commissioner Slowinski seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Noel Allen, Staff Liaison