

**Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee Meeting**  
Minutes from April 25, 2019  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300  
Large Conference Room

**Members Present:**

Brad Brandt, Sherrie Nelson, Bill Allen, Jason Hutchison, Casey Karges, Matt Herman, Karen Flowers, Alice Skultety, Mike Calvert, Dan Husmann.

**Staff Present:**

Wade Forman, Lynn Johnson, Scott Philippi, Casey Crittenden, Joe Canny, Chris Meyer, Michele Jordan.

**Call to Order:** 12:00 p.m.

**Approval of February Minutes:** Karen, Matt seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports:** Wade deferred to Casey regarding update on Aerification of greens at the courses. Normal annual complaints when Aerification happens to greens. Casey said they are getting the greens healed up as quickly as possible and everything is going well. Casey stated there is a sand issue due to the flooding. More sand is on its' way.

Sherrie brought up the fairways and rough changes. Holmes 7 fairway is main issue they are hearing about and experiencing. Casey acknowledged.

Casey discussed Ash Tree removal. There have been 37 trees removed from Holmes and will be replaced. There will be a total of 72-73 Ash trees removed in total.

Wade shared there were 255 people in attendance at the Holmes Open House which they were pleased with along with good weather. There was also a lot of golf being played. There seemed to be many newer golfers looking to get involved. Sherrie asked about the survey regarding fee rate increase vs. CIP borrowing. The vote was split 21 each.

April numbers show a good amount of golf being played.

Wade discussed the update to the online software and making tee times. It is now more user friendly via phone app.

**Golf Report:** Casey updated everyone on a irrigation pump at Highland needing pulled and replaced along with the irrigation control panel at Highlands being replaced. Casey also introduced Chad Giebelhaus, the new Superintendent at Pioneers. Chad has spent the past 15 years at Crooked Creek and is happy to be a part of the municipal golf team in Lincoln. He got his start in golf at Highlands when still in high school.

Casey also shared that Peg is doing well and doing her job. Peg seems to prefer being off her leash than on and lets Casey know it.

**Rounds Report & Financial:**

Matt brought up increasing fees for 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year due to being down \$130,000 due to poor weather and making the rate increase now opposed to waiting. Wade is hesitant due to pushing prices higher along with having prices already set for 2019 and then changing them halfway thru season will anger golfers. There was a lot of discussion regarding the pros and cons of a rate increase. The golf pros stated that there will be negative feedback if increase price again for 2019. There was discussion making any increase temporary or permanent along with educating the public on CIP and what it represents.

Scott and Mike explained to the group what the numbers mean. The concern is keeping the courses at the high standard they are now and want to be in a position to keep them that way.

Karen stated she agrees with Matt regarding raising the price of the rounds. Karen also reminded everyone why

the CIP was established, due to maintenance not being kept up in the past. The committee is leaning toward making any increase permanent. The consensus of the group is to keep the courses nice and NOT make a promise of any temporary price increase.

**L.M.G.A.:**

Mike said they will have a 2-person Modified Chapman next Sunday at Highlands and looking for a good turnout.

**Women's League:**

Alice said their first event is this Saturday.

**Senior Men's League:**

Bill said they had their first event yesterday with beautiful weather. Enrollment is slightly down maybe 5 or 8 players regarding regular members. There are over 400 members to start the season. Bill said they were able to cram everyone onto three courses keeping one free. It will be tight but manageable. Bill also stated the schedule is ready to be posted online. Bill said he left registration open two weeks later this year to help rework of all 19 divisions.

**New Business:**

Wade described a "Chip in For Kids" program to generate dollars for Ager Course. There will be change boxes at all golf courses to start donations for Ager. Staff will also ask for \$1, \$2, or \$5 donation to golfers at checkin.

Jason reported the 10 gallon test batch of beer is ready for taste testing. Still in need of a name. Jason shared three possibilities, The beer master is taking just the cost of operation and the rest of proceeds goes back to the golf courses thru the Parks Foundation. "That's a Gimme" is going to be the name of the beer as of now.

Sherrie did share that after Tiger Woods big win the phones started ringing and the courses were full. Hoping Tiger's continued success will have a trickle-down effect for our courses.

**Adjourn:** 12:50 p.m.