

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

Members Present: Sherrie Nelson, Bill Allen, Denis Vontz, Tim Rowland, Scott Carlson, Todd Johnson, Jason Hutchison, Matt Herman, Karen Flowers, Mike Calvert.

Staff Present: Wade Foreman, Scott Philippi, Kyle Oakley, Casey Crittenden, Chris Meyer, Michele Jordan.

Public Present: Rick Owens

Call to Order: 12:00 p.m.

Approval of June Minutes: Minutes moved by Karen, seconded by Matt and approved unanimously.

Staff Reports: Rick Owens, a local golfer spoke to the committee prior to Staff Reports. Rick's complaint is in regards to the Men's City and Senior City Tournaments. It used to be a 3-day event and is now a 2-day event. Rick is adamant the Tournament should be a 3-day event and will not be participating until there is a change made. Committee acknowledged.

Wade reminded the committee of the hot and humid weather which requires more hand watering. Casey updated everyone regarding irrigation failures and repairs and reminded them other items get pushed back. Casey also stated during hot periods staff expenses will go up but nothing they were not anticipating. The tree grinder breaking down was also addressed. Wade shared that June was a solid month. Wade also said there also several promotional events still coming up.

An article was printed in the Journal Star regarding Mahoney Golf being turned into a waterpark. It was acknowledged that no one at Lincoln Parks and Rec had been aware or contacted prior to the article running nothing is in the works to make Mahoney into a waterpark.

Golf Report: Wade summed it up that with some weather cooperation for June the numbers are looking good.. Sherrie asked if cart rental picked up during the hot days. Wade confirmed.

Rounds Report: Wade shared some rounds data in May throughout regions of the country. It showed that Lincoln fared well. Rounds for June was above target. The additional rain fell at opportune times for golfing.

Financial Report: Wade stated the financial numbers are also good for June and broke down the financial status in detail along with getting close to the desired dollar goal. Wade also says the numbers show a lot of golf is being played when weather is in the 80's.

L.M.G.A.: Mike shared the most recent event had 63 individuals participated in a 2-day Champion event which was very successful. The next event is August 11th. Mike was asked why the water fountain at Mahoney is not running and was informed by Casey the fountain is being abandoned due being old and costly repairs.

Women's League: With Alice absent Sherrie and Karen updated the committee. Sherrie said they had an event at Mahoney this past weekend which was fun. They did briefly update the committee due to the Senior Men's rescheduling due to rain dates caused some confusion. The issues has already been addressed to everyone's satisfaction. Karen shared the next event is the Club Championship in August.

Senior Men's League: Bill shared that this has been the most challenging year for him and the Senior Men's League due to the rain affecting their schedule greatly. They have been able to schedule rain dates which means the men are playing on a few Monday's and Wednesday's to make up rain dates. Bill also acknowledged he is aware and does his best to keep the golfers on task as to not interfere with other golfers. There was an incident where one of the senior golfers did not keep hydrated enough and had to be taken to the hospital. He is now fine. If things go well the Senior Men's League should be able to complete their league's season. Bill said they will also have their annual festivities after league play is completed.

Old Business: Jason stated the golf beer has been distributed to the courses. Everyone seems to like the taste of it. It has a low alcohol volume at 4.2%. Everyone agreed with a little more advertising and word of mouth the beer should be a big hit and make money for the Parks Foundation.

Wade update the committee on the Golf Survey. There have been approximately 500 surveys filled out. They are now in the process of tabulating the data. Wade will e-mail the committee prior to posting to public on the website along with the CIP information. Wade wants the committee to review the CIP and suggest changes, if any.

New Business: There was an article in the Journal Star about Casey and Peg's replacement, Bogey at the Holmes golf course. Peg was a bit young and will be given a new, nice home. Casey said Bogey seems to be working out great.

Wade provided an article, "National Golf Foundation Participation Report" he thought the committee would find interesting and informative. The report shows for first time in 14 years that golf participation nationally went up.

Adjourn: 12:48 p.m.