

Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee Meeting
Minutes from September 26, 2019
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300
Large Conference Room

Members Present: Brad Brandt, Sherri Nelson, Bill Allen, Todd Johnson, Jason Hutchison, Casey Karges, Matt Herman, Karen Flowers, Alice Skultety, Mike Calvert, Dann Husmann.

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

Public Present: N/A

Call to Order: 12:00 p.m.

Approval of February Minutes: Approved by Committee

Staff Reports: Wade started out by stating that September has been a fairly dry month with good weather. Not too far away from their targeted number of rounds and should be over the target which is a very good start to the new fiscal year. Last year was started out well below. Wade and Casey shared that the green aeration went very well along with a photo of the aeration. Tree work is being done this fall the courses, removing dead pine trees or low hanging limbs.

Play development: Joe is in process of working on Youth online sign-up for next spring.

CIP: Had CIP revenues of \$343,440.17 for last fiscal year. CIP expenses for the fiscal year were \$275,227.68.

Husker day game promotions has been implemented to promote play.

Golf Report: (see financial report)

Rounds Report: Good month for August at 27,029 rounds. Had a strong April, May, June July which are critical months.

Financial Report: Scott helped compile information. Good recap and overview and highlights of the year. Everyone is watching staffing expenses, etc. First time in recent history all four courses finished with a profit with Pioneers leading. Ager had a slight loss. Back in March revenues and making a profit was looking bleak. Now dollars from CIP not needed to cover operations. Matt brought up water a huge expense that was minimized due to rain this season. Matt also reminded everyone to keep in mind players and rounds have gone down and need be realistic. Matt commended everyone on the amazing job they have done and are doing. Dan wanted to thank the team at Ager for great youth teaching programs. The partnership with UNL they were able to see Ager going in the right direction. Sherri asked if the rounds goal would be reduced. Wade said the rounds as of now will stay the same. Karen's question regarding the CIP update was answered by Wade with a break out of expenses. Karen understood after explanation. Brad asked what is needed to formalize the CIP. Lynn explained.

The recommendation is to start a new rainy day fund separate from the CIP. Matt brought up the question regarding what is the use of the rainy day/contingency fund when there are CIP needs such as the sprinkler systems, etc. Lynn reminded everyone that the promise is not to touch the CIP and with the new fund will enable everyone to keep that promise. Matt's concern is rounds going down and needs some looking at. Mike concurred with Matt that there are several large operating expenses coming up that will overwhelm the CIP fund.

L.M.G.A.: Mike reported the Miller Lite scramble. 124 players including 2-3 women. Mike is thinking one of the women had the longest drive. Board elections coming up shortly. The Orange Ball which is the last general open event to the membership had to be rescheduled from last Sunday to this Sunday with at last count 19 4-person

teams which will be at Highlands. The next event will be the Rewards Event which includes members. The members will have the opportunity to go on a free event which has not been scheduled at this time but will take place in October. Mike said for lack of a better word there will be a "Money's List" which entails members who did well on their L.M.G.A. events, along with rewarding the most improved handicap.

Women's League: Alice shared the league had a good year. Alice reported they are having their final brunch and play on October 12th. Then will be ready to move on to next year.

Senior Men's League: Bill said their league season ended in August. Team play is continuing with tournaments with 8 since the last meeting. 128 men have been playing at this time. They will have a week off then the October play will continue. Pioneers and Highlands are the popular courses. 5 events to go before starting on next year.

Old Business: J.J. refreshed everyone on the CIP 10 year 2019 plan. The projects are prioritized regarding need and dollars available. J.J. asked the committee to review the CIP 10 year 2019 plan and ask questions along with giving input. Wade stated last month the CIP was given to the committee for review and give input. The goal is to be able to take the Golf CIP plan to the Advisory Board with the Golf Committee's approval. Sherri asked about taking a bunker(s) away. Casey discussed with no definitive answer at this time. Nothing will be done without further discussion. Mike asked a hypothetical question regarding how close they will be able to stick to the CIP. J.J. explained that the items on the priority will be done over a period time depending on the revenue. J.J. confirmed there is flexibility in the fund if something breaks down it will be moved up in importance. Matt spoke up regarding not taking profit and putting in the CIP for more flexibility when issues arise. Round rate increase was also brought up by Matt. He feels there won't be a big lash back.

Wade did an official roll call vote for passing of the CIP 10 year plan and sending it to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. CIP plan motion approved all members voted unanimously.

New Business: Lynn discussed the contact by UNL Athletics showing interest in the Highlands Golf course. The rumors are that the City will sell Highlands to UNL. There is nothing in the works about selling of Highlands to UNL. Lynn feels that Highlands is an important City course and a partnership is a better path. Karen thinks partnering with UNL is an interesting idea. Karen brought up that University owned courses are open to public play. It's been done in many other states. Sherri asked if UNL would be doing funding for upkeep and upgrades. Bill feels a partnership with UNL is attractive with Highlands. Matt shared a cautionary note regarding a highly reputable business man who turned down a partnership with UNL. He said just be cautious and know what the partnership would entail.

Adjourn: 12:47 p.m.