

**Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee Meeting**  
Minutes from February 27, 2020  
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300  
Large Conference Room

**Members Present:** Alice Skultety, Bill Allen, Carol Zubrod, Casey Karges, Dann Husmann, Jason Hutchison, Matt Herman, Mike Calvert, Sherrie Nelson,

**Staff Present:** Denis Vontz, Johnathan Benson, Scott Carlson, Tim Rowland, Casey Crittenden, Chris Myers, Joe Canny, Kyle Oakley, Lynn Johnson, Michele Jordan, Wade Foreman.

**Call to Order:** 12:10 p.m.

**Staff Report:** Wade reported that there have been a few nice days in February, mostly on the weekend which have generated revenue. Last year there were no rounds in February. Will be getting golf in tomorrow along with Saturday being a busy day. This will take us over the 2,300 mark with rounds between 2,400-2,500.

Casey mentioned that the crews are staying busy with equipment repairs along with tree trimming and removal. Chad at Pioneers is starting to fill in some of the stump holes from the Ash trees which have been removed. Casey shared that he was at the Golf International Show in Orlando at the end of January and said it was a great event. Casey directed the committee to view the photo of the autonomous fairway mower in the "Golf Report". After mapping out the fairways with GPS the mowers mow the fairways. Casey said with Toro involved it's a pretty serious item. No price mentioned.

Zac Caudillo, the new superintendent at Holmes introduced himself. Zac shared he has worked for the City full time for the past seven years and is excited about this opportunity. Zac is passionate about golf maintenance. Sherrie did ask a maintenance question regarding a long-term solution to Pioneer's Hole 5. It's roped off right now. Casey said there is no long-term solution yet regarding how to avoid its' flooding. Chad pre-seeded the area last fall with a grass that stands up to water better. When the grass spreads the hope is with this grass it will be a temporary solution. Casey stated it's a tough area but is confident they will find a solution. Sherrie said they don't mind where the tee-box is placed now.

**Rounds Report:** Wade said there were just enough days in January with no snow there were 807 rounds played. In February they are at 1,900 rounds and looking to close between 2,400-2,500 rounds. March's weather is looking decent to date. It's looking like we'll be in a better position for rounds in March opposed to last year.

**Financial Report:** Wade shared that the financials are typical for the months of December and January. Some of the expenses are a little higher with utilities and supplies. In general, about the same place as last year. With February will be in better shape than last year.

**L.M.G.A.:** Mike shared that they will be hosting an orientation for the members this Saturday for the "World's Handicap System". There are 55 people registered as of this morning. They are expecting close to 60 and will be meeting at Holmes at 10:00 a.m. The first scheduled event is March 26<sup>th</sup> in Chapman which will be at Holmes. The rest of the schedule has been set but not posted yet.

**Women's League:** Carol stated they had their first board meeting with the April brunch being set for April 4<sup>th</sup> at Highlands. They also have their 2020 events set up.

**Senior Men's League:** Bill stated they didn't have their February monthly meeting due to his physical issues. The plans are rolling for March with registration opening March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be open for six weeks. Bill anticipates at the end of registration they may be at 450+ members. Bill said this will put them right on the cusp of being full

with the current time blocks. Bill anticipates next year they will go after an expansion.

**Old Business:** Wade brought up the Golf Open House on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Holmes. They have been reaching out to different organizations to attend

Sherrie asked about tree removal at Holmes. There are more Ash trees that need removed. Mahoney had the most trees. Casey discussed the trees being planted.

**New Business:** Lynn brought up costs going up and suggested they may want to have a conversation before the mayor's budget is announced. The Holmes bond will be paid off in September of 2022. Lynn suggested keeping the surcharge in place and redirecting the dollars to Course Irrigation System replacement. The thinking is to assist in replacing the irrigation system at Pioneer's. Matt asked why keep it as a surcharge and roll it into a fee which would give the dollars more lee-way to be used where necessary. Lynn and Sherrie were thinking it was set up this way so the golfers would know where funds were going and could not be used as an operational expense.

It was discussed that Yankee Hill will stay closed. It also sounds like Wilderness will be going private. Matt is thinking the City will get many members with the great shape of the City courses.

Sherrie asked about any further outreach from the University regarding the Highlands. Lynn said there was discussion around the holidays but nothing concrete.

Matt shared that his brother-in-law, Jim Harris has passed and there will be a wake at Holmes on March 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and offered everyone who knew him to attend.

Sherrie asked about where the new benches came from. Lynn said they were from the Parks Foundation. The difference of benches and prices were discussed.

**Adjourn:** 12:35 p.m.