

Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee Meeting
Minutes from June 25, 2020
Woods Park Place – 3131 'O' Street, Suite 300
Large Conference Room

Members Present: Alice Skultety, Brad Brandt, Carol Zubrod, Casey Karges, Matt Herman, Mike Calvert, Sherrie Nelson, Todd Johnson.

Staff Present: Casey Crittenden, Chris Meyer, Kyle Oakley, Lynn Johnson, Michele Jordan, Wade Foreman, Denis Vontz, and Scott Carlson.

Call to Order: Called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
Minutes moved by Matt, seconded by Sherrie, and approved unanimously.

Staff Report: Wade reported that Matt Herman, Casey Crittenden, Lynn Johnson along with Wade are in the office running this meeting virtually by Zoom. The others are on Zoom. May had good weather and rounds came in above budget. Half way through June has shown a steady number of rounds. Golf cart dividers have been installed and continue to work on the process. High winds have caused a few issues with them staying up. The clubhouse now has 100% seating. Leagues came back in May and tournaments are slowly coming back in July. Casey shared they have been busy removing dead pine trees along with their normal tasks. Cart maintenance has been a challenge, specifically with the older carts at Pioneers and Highlands. Over 40 tons of sand has been added to the bunkers at Mahoney. More is needed. The preliminary engineer plan has been started for the Pioneers irrigation system.

Golf Report: Wade stated the CIP reflects a backflow preventer at Holmes being replaced, located at pump house number 2. Many of the adult/youth programs kicked off June 1st. There has been a lot of golf camps and clinics, youth and adult leagues. A few more programs have been added in July. Matt asked if there has been any comment on the dividers in the cart. Matt shared his experience of the high wind issues along with additional heat due to the dividers. Sherrie asked if there was an extra cart fee. Wade said it's the same as before Covid. 2 riders per cart. Casey reported there were 14 trees lost in the storm at Mahoney.

Rounds Report: Wade stated there were 24,233 rounds played in May which was 7% over the target. This means we are 1,430 rounds ahead for the year. June is looking good. If June continues as it has been there should be over 1,500 rounds played over target. Sherrie shared that the driving ranges have been busy, especially at Holmes and Highlands. Pioneers has been down rounds. There was a detour along with some leagues starting late. The average numbers used is from 8-10 years back. Wade is thinking using numbers 5-6 years back for the rounds target along with mentioning some of the Pioneers players may be going to other courses and spreading out.

Financial Report: Wade announced Sandra Finn as the new accounting supervisor. Sandra has been here approximately 6 weeks. May was a very good month financially. Wade let the committee know that all golf employees are watching expenses and doing their best to keep them down. This shrinks the YTD deficit down to (\$463,478) which is a better number than last May. June has good numbers which should shrink that number even further. Considering Covid things are looking OK for overall golf operations thru May.

L.M.G.A.: Mike reported that the LMGA first 3 events were canceled due to Covid. This has not caused a financial issue. The next event is July 11th and 12th. The group will meet next week to see if they're playing. Mike feels they will. One of the board members has been working on the website to accommodate registration and payment in advance. One of the three events may be rescheduled.

Women's League: Carol reported they did have their brunch. The event at Pioneers went very well. The women seem to be happy. The Women's City Tournament will be occurring next week. There are 52 women playing in the City Tournament. There will be a short award ceremony. No raffle prizes this year.

Senior Men's League: Wade gave a quick update on the senior league. The schedule has been modified to get May rounds and players on the courses. Their play dates are Monday and Wednesday. July will just be Wednesday. There have been a lot of people playing in this group. Fun days have been pushed back to July for now.

Old Business: Casey shared the trip hazard at Highlands. The drains have been raised to alleviate this. Lynn stated the surcharges could stay in place after Holmes Clubhouse bond paid off. Lynn highlighted dollars needed for the Pioneers irrigation system. This will need approval from the LMGCM along with the public golfers. The bonds that were issued were backed by the general fund. Mike is interested in the CIP and how it's affected and would like to be kept in the loop. Mike asked about the 2 year budget process. Lynn said this year will be a one year budget and may carry on in the future.

New Business: The question regarding the plans for the 12th hole at Highlands's tee-box was asked. Casey answered that the hole and tee were small and was getting beat up. The tee-box was moved but has been put back in place. Alice asked Casey how the maintenance people were responding to the players golfing on course. The maintenance team is to move aside when golfers approach. Wade gave the golf pros a big thank you for the extra work they have done and continue to do to keep the courses open. The committee agreed.

Adjourn: 12:45 p.m.