

## **MEMORANDUM**

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

TO: Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee  
FR: Wade Foreman Business Coordinator & Casey Crittenden, Maintenance Coordinator  
Cc: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
RE: August Golf Report

### **Golf Update:**

Golf course maintenance staffs are busy with over seeding fairways and tees. Each course has different needs regarding over seeding and our goal is to seed those areas that are in the most need while keeping an eye on our budgets. All tee tops including the driving range tees have taken a beating this season so additional aerating and seeding will be needed on these areas. We are also evaluating fall projects and will be discussing with you going forward. Our daily tasks other than mowing remain constantly repairing irrigation breaks and leaks. Maintenance staffs have been doing a great job keeping on track with timely applications of plant protectants and greens topdressing. Beginning back in June the staffs started to vent greens (Small aerating tines used to create holes for air, water and nutrients to penetrate the top surface of the greens) At Holmes #14 Buffalo grass fairway has been sprayed with a non-selective herbicide which will allow us to over seed with a mix of blue and ryegrass. The Buffalo grass was planted as an experiment a few years ago in cooperation with the University of Lincoln turfgrass program. Our hope was to determine if the buffalo would be first and foremost playable. And with its natural characteristics of using less water determine if this grass would be a possible alternative to cool season grasses that we have on all our courses. We were disappointed in the playability. So after some discussion with staff we thought the best thing to do was move on and replant. We are running trials on nematode treatments at Holmes. May be a little early to tell how effective these will be. The poa is getting stressed out on fairways and has been melting out. This is an age old problem and will continue to be a challenge going forward. Cart repairs at Pioneer and Highlands are up significantly from last year. 1 more season!! ☺

Golf Rounds for the month of July were above target so thru July there have been 152,111 rounds of golf played this fiscal year which is 9.6% above the targeted amount. As a result of more golf rounds than anticipated the total revenues for this fiscal year are slightly ahead of budgeted revenues. August is another busy month of golf to close out the FY19-20 with high schools and colleges kicking off fall teams practices and events at the courses. Most of the summer golf leagues will finish up at end of August or early part of September.

### **Capital Improvements Update:**

Will be meeting with the Facilities subcommittee soon to discuss possible 2021 CIP projects and Pioneers Irrigation System replacement information.