

Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor

Date: Thursday, 27 May 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: *Alice Skultety, *Tammy Poe, *Joyce McClure, *Casey Karges,
*Jason Hutchison, *Matt Herman, Mike Calvert, Sherrie Nelson

Members Absent: Bill Allen, Dan Husman, Todd Johnson

Staff Members Present: Casey Crittenden, Chris Myers, Lynn Johnson, *Sandra Finn,
Wade Foreman, Denis Vontz, Scott Carlson, Tim Rowland

Members of the public present: None

Attended the meeting via Zoom

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Wade Foreman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Bryan Tlamka.
3. Approval of previous minutes: Approval of minutes from the April 22nd 2021 meeting. Move to approve the minutes by Mike Calvert and seconded by Sherrie Nelson. Roll call vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Review of Reports:
 - A. Monthly Report: April Golf Report presented by Wade Foreman. Golf rounds for April were above average by 41.7% with 21,816 rounds played. A Salute to Military golf special will be offered on Sunday and Monday afternoon of Memorial weekend. The advertisement will run in the Journal Star prior to the holiday. Pioneers Golf Course won the Lincoln Choice Award for "Best Golf Course in Lincoln". Golf course crews are busy with Spring maintenance. Dead Pine tree removal continues to be a priority. Irrigation repair is ongoing at Holmes and Mahoney. Low seasonal summer employment numbers are creating golf course maintenance challenges. LMGAC will plan to meet in person beginning in June. A zoom option will be available in June as well.

- B. Player Development Update: The Spring sessions are ending this week. The total number of junior golfers participating in a Spring session was 192 & the number of adults participating in a learning class was 36. Summer registration continues and classes will begin the first week of June.
- C. Capital Improvements Update: The Purchasing Department has listed the bid for irrigation at Pioneers. The bid will close at the end of May.
- D. Monthly Rounds: Presented by Wade Foreman. April target rounds were 15,401. April golf rounds exceeded expectations and totaled 21,816 rounds played. May target rounds were 23,424. Over 25,000 rounds have been played as of May 26, 2021.

Financial: Presented by Wade Foreman. March 2021 profit was \$97,337.93 with the Year to date (YTD) profit (loss) through March totaling (\$310,261.18). April revenue data is missing and will be accounted for in the May report. April 2021 profit was \$19,390.79 with the Year to date (YTD) profit (loss) through April totaling (\$291,170.39). Miscellaneous revenue has exceeded totals recorded in previous years. This is unapplied revenue that will later be applied to appropriate accounts.

Total Capital Improvement Project (CIP) balance on 30 April 2021 was \$429,628.53.

6. Golf Organizations Update:

- A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. The LMGA has 87 participants at their most recent. The next event will be June 12th at Highlands. LMGA memberships currently stands at 368.
- B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Joyce McClure. LWMGA membership currently stands at 110. Daily play is going well. The next event will be June 5th at Pioneers. Upcoming events include a city tournament at Pioneers and Highlands Golf Courses.
- C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: No updates to report.

7. Old Business: Staff and board members reviewed the Pioneers Golf Course fairway map and irrigation timelines. Posters will be placed at city golf courses to educate the public about the projects.

8. New Business:

- A. The partnership between UNL Turfgrass and Jim Ager Golf Course will be suspended for the time being. There are currently not any UNL graduate students that are interested in interning at Jim Ager Golf Course.
- B. Lincoln City Golf would like to establish a Golf "Reserve Fund". The fund is a financially responsible approach to the long-term success of the enterprise business. Lincoln Parks and Recreation has consulted with the City of Lincoln Finance Department to come up with the following guidelines:
 - a. 60 days of cash reserve for operating expenses that will total \$708,333.
 - b. 125% of annual debt payments estimated to be \$206,250.

Once reserve is fully funded, additional operating profits each year would be directed from golf operations and added to the overall Golf Capital Improvement Fund.

The LMGAC discussed the guidelines and made a request to view historical golf budget data to determine adequate reserve fund totals.

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.
10. Meeting minutes prepared by Bryan Tlamka, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, June 24th, 2021