

Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

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

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: *Alice Skultety, Bill Allen, Tammy Poe, Casey Karges, Dann Husman, Matt Herman, Mike Calvert, Sherrie Nelson, * Todd Johnson, Sandy Amen

Members Absent: Jason Hutchison

Staff Members Present: Casey Crittenden, *Kyle Oakley, Lynn Johnson, *Sandra Finn, Wade Forman, Denis Vontz, *Johnathan Benson, *Zac Morley, Pam Hoffman

Members of the public present: None

Attended the meeting via Zoom

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Sherrie Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of previous minutes: Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2021, meeting. Minutes approved by roll call. Motion to approve the minutes moved by Bill Allen and seconded by Tammy Poe. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

Monthly Report: Outpaced the monthly estimate of rounds due to nice weather. Monthly rounds for December/January were 7,566. February is doing well for the number of rounds, likely due to little snow and above average temperatures. Golf cart delivery is still expected for March.

Maintenance updates - Casey Crittenden shared that a lot of tree work is being done. Have been able to catch up on tree work that they have been trying to do for years. Sherrie Nelson mentioned some trees really matter for shade on the courses, asked about Pioneer's number 7 and 17. Casey said they take all factors into account before removing a tree (health of tree - is it split, diseased, dead, a safety hazard).

They were able to get the old cart path at Pioneers removed before freezing and will get the new one done when the frost is gone. The Highlands parking lot is mostly completed. Will be done by spring. The greens: are trying to keep them alive and viable, but it has been extremely dry this winter and we won't know the severity of the damage until later this spring. Fertilizer costs are up 25%, Equipment costs are up 20%. Been able to avoid some increases because of equipment lease and purchase programs put in place last fall. Mahoney, Highlands, and Holmes all have new carts. New carts will arrive soon at Pioneers Golf.

At Pioneers, one cottonwood near the dam has fallen into the pond and others need to be removed, becoming a safety risk and the root ball and the root structure compromises the structure of the dam. Will pack the area with heavy clay after removal.

Highlands crossover - 20-30-foot span across, golf cart can be take across it now. The location of the ladies' #9 tee box is still to be determined.

4. Monthly Rounds: Wade Foreman informed the group that last couple of years, there were no rounds of golf in January and February. This year, there were 2,421 rounds in January and February will likely be around 2,900 rounds. No rounds were targeted for January, because normally there are no rounds played.

Financial/CIP: December had a good number of rounds with expenses pretty much in line. A few higher expenses were ground maintenance, sand, irrigation supplies, fuel cost and golf cart costs. Water utility costs are driving up the utilities costs. Repairs are being done to older machines and some will be replaced.

Critical months for golf are March, April, May, September, October, November. March, April, and May are dependent on what is happening with the weather and if golf has good numbers of rounds for those months, it helps the year end with positive numbers.

CIP Cash Balance on December 31, 2021 was \$311,561.80. This includes revenue from Golf CIP fees collected, Golf Cell Tower Rental Revenue and other revenue; and 2021-2022 CIP Expenditures for Holmes Golf Clubhouse Debt payment, Highlands Golf Course stackable chairs, Pioneers Fairway #5 grading/dirt work, Pioneers Irrigation-aqua engineering, and Pioneers new fencing along #5.

5. Golf Organizations Update:

- A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. Have scheduled eight events for this year, two are 2-day events. The schedule will be posted soon. \$40 membership fee is staying the same for this year. A chili feed is being held on 2/27/22 for members.
- B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association -Sandy Amen. The tee times are set for all of the courses for this year. The spring meeting will be held on April 2nd at Holmes Golf Course. One issue about the new carts: golf pencils don't fit in the pencil holders. A second issue is there are no ball washers on the cart. Casey said they won't be installed.
- C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Kickoff for the senior league for registration will be open March 1 through April 15. No entries after April 15, as the last two weeks of April are needed to set up teams before May 1. There will be 14 league days and tournaments, equaling 38 events. Dues will be increased by \$5 to make them \$40, \$20 for subs. Must be 60 and older to be a member. In 2023, the league will eliminate division play on week of July 4th. Will allow for a

more set schedule since July 4th changes the day of the week each year. There will be an additional week added at the end of the term.

6. Old Business:

None.

7. New Business:

Course conditions coming out of winter, cart restrictions 2/27-3/13/22: Casey Crittenden said it will be hard to determine what damage will be done by the weather. Damage from carts driving on the greens due to the dry conditions. The team is working to bring things back to the way they were.

Bald Eagles at Holmes Park: There is a pair of Eagles at Holmes Golf Course. Reportedly, they are a younger, breeding pair in a large pine tree, though they may not have eggs this year. A quiet zone is being created for the eagles with signage. It will also be a no drone zone. A Fish & Wildlife intern will be monitoring them. Zones can be moved at anytime by Fish & Wildlife. Talent Plus may get a camera on their building to help monitor the eagles.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. Motion to adjourn - Mike Calvert, seconded by Bill Allen.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, March 24, 2022