Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, March 23, 2023
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Bill Allen, Mike Calvert, Matt Herman, Jason Hutchison, Casey Karges, Sherrie Nelson, Claudia Pankoke, Tammy Poe
	Members Absent: Dann Husmann, Todd Johnson
	Staff Members Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Chris Myers, Sandra Finn, Kyle Oakley, Tim Rowland, Jonathan Benson, Denis Vontz, Pam Hoffman

Agenda items

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

   Approval of previous minutes: Sherrie Nelson asked for one change under 4B change to "Continue to partner with the Women of Woodland Hills but this year the event will be held at Highlands Golf Course." Approval of minutes from the February 23, 2023, meeting. Minutes approved by roll call. Motion to approve: Casey Karges, seconded by Jason Hutchison.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: February rounds ended up at 1,997, which is 4% ahead of the target for the month. Fiscal year-to-date rounds are sitting at 53,453 as of today. The budgeted golf round goal is 139,000 rounds with July & August being the busiest months for golf.

   Maintenance updates – Casey Crittenden - Crews have been finishing up equipment repairs and maintenance at each course with several small equipment maintenance tools left to be maintained. Mahoney golf irrigation wells were replaced in February. The old wells were beginning to lose water flow rapidly and had lots of iron deposits and corrosion. The old wells were putting out about 85 to 100 gallons per minute and the new wells will be putting out over 150 gallons per minute. Crew has done a lot of work to remove the dead trees and thankful to

have such a great crew who does great work. Will be starting on irrigation systems soon. Also getting tee markers back on tees, cleaning up flower beds, picking up tree debris off the golf courses, grinding stumps and filling stump holes, and hiring seasonal staff. Mike Calvert- will cards be reprinted and courses re-rated? Wade Foreman – Met at Mahoney to discuss tees. Worked with Nebraska Golf Association to rate the tees. Scorecards have been changed. Scores can be posted starting on 3/15/23. Mahoney cards are being changed: they were released prior to the changes being made. Sherrie Nelson – The cards will be temporary for a year and then we will get feedback from customers and staff about the cards. Wade Foreman – will get verbal feedback and also do a survey. Wade Foreman – Spoke at the Senior League meeting yesterday and they said they like Pioneers yellow tees. Sherrie Nelson – Pioneers 16 hill is rough, and cart doesn't want to go up it. Wade Foreman - courses are re-rated every few years. Pioneers is on the list for 2024 but may get bumped up because of changes. Unless blue/white/black/gold tees are moved, they don't recheck the tees for changes. Tammy Poe – It might be worth relooking at the hole-by-hole difficulty of some of these holes. Wade Foreman – Sometimes this is only done if you have the right amount of data. It all gets put into a handicap system and that is how it is factored. Bill Allen – Senior League had a member that went through every scorecard and did his own calculations and compiled a total for the Senior League (white tees only) and Mahoney was the toughest course, followed by Holmes, Highlands, and Pioneers. It was helpful for the senior group league play. Sherrie Nelson – After meeting at Mahoney, had a discussion with some people about whether we have made Mahoney more difficult by giving it an easier rating. Tammy Poe – Highlands new forward tees – when will they be usable? Casey Crittenden – Probably the end of May.

Monthly Rounds: Some rounds for March and will likely get a few more with some potentially good weather next week. February had 1,997 rounds.

Financial/CIP: January was typical of most Januarys: not a lot of revenue brought in, but still had some expenses. The miscellaneous transfer was the CIP transfer. Mike Calvert – document is misleading because the transfer comes from a prior year. Sherrie Nelson – looks like we had a loss, but we didn't because it was a transfer. Wade Foreman – the Finance software shows it that way. Sandra Finn – have been working with Finance to revamp the report so it better reflects the accounts. Wade Foreman – Finance wanted to do a reset to start with balance back to September. Sandra Finn - working on the CIP transfers which will show up in the March reports. Wade Foreman – working to get everything on the same page. Wade Foreman – some concerns about the utilities because they are much higher than before. Materials and services are also somewhat higher. Other services – that is equipment that was ordered 1 ½ years ago and is finally here and payment had to be made. Still feel like we will be in a good position for the fiscal year. Sandra and Wade will continue to work with Finance to provide better reporting.

Golf Organizations Updates:

A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. Pushing to get registrations, about halfway through and over halfway to the membership goal. Normally have about 390-400 members in a typical year. Chili Feed at Mahoney had a great turnout. Rollout for the Matchplay event has begun and have had a very positive response so far.

B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Claudia Pankoke. Still gathering memberships and think the numbers will be pretty stable and expect about 135. Saturday, April 1st is the kickoff brunch. The Spring Swing Event is April 22 at Holmes.

C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Presented by Bill Allen. Had the annual meeting at Auld on March 22nd with attendance more than 100 members. Wade Foreman spoke to the group and it was well received. Membership enrollment runs from March 1 to April 15 for regular members. Subs can be added any time and last year there were 86 subs and expect between 75 and 90 this year. Subs are crucial when players drop off due to heat and other issues. Last year there were 272 18-hole members and 30 9-hole members and anticipate that there should be at least equal to that number of members this year. One of the Lincoln Senior Golf Members has created a record of every round of golf from last year.

4. Old Business: Mike Calvert – Cart paths: when do you think the bid will go out? Wade Foreman – probably sometime this spring. Bill Weddle and Olsson Associates are working on the bid to hopefully go out this spring, or no later than early summer, in order to get a better length of time. Sherrie Nelson – front counter staff still seems frustrated with the new system. Is it going well? Scott Carlson – it is a learning curve. Tim Rowland – eventually it will be smooth but working on attaching the membership cards in the system. Once it's in the system, it will show up at all of the courses and will alleviate a lot of issues. Also, loyalty cards will be in there as well. Eventually it will be great. Old system had many duplicates of names.

5. New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m. Motion to adjourn – Jason Hutchison, seconded by Mike Calvert.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, April 27, 2023