Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, April 27, 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: Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Chris Myers, Sandra Finn, Kyle Oakley, Jonathan Benson, 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 on page 2, top paragraph: "The cards will be temporary for a year and then we will get feedback from customers and staff about the cards." Change underlined portion to "*forward tee placement.*" Minutes approved by roll call. Motion to approve: Casey Karges, seconded by Jason Hutchison.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: March rounds ended up at 8,503, which is slightly over the projected target for the month. The precipitation received in March was greatly needed to help the turfgrass. Fiscal year-to-date rounds are 61,956 which is slightly less than the previous year of 67,524. March had some weather that impacted the round numbers.

   Maintenance updates – Casey Crittenden – Areas around the courses that cannot get water are suffering after 2 years of drought. Roughs are thin to no turfgrass at all. Trees soak up moisture and pull it away from the rough. Concern becomes when we do start getting rain is that there will be erosion issues. For the last couple of years, our superintendents have been essentially doing what's called deficit irrigating. If we have an evapotranspiration day of .25 an inch of water loss, our practice is to water back to 65-75% of that .25 inch. Essentially, we are trying to

maintain good playing surfaces with the minimum amount of water we can and keep the grass alive and be good stewards with our water. Fortunately, central irrigation controllers have been updated and it is very precise with the watering that is done. Sodding is being done at Pioneers #4 today and Highland #1 tomorrow. Forward tees have taken root and may be usable in the next few weeks. All wells have been updated and we are getting all we can out of them.

Monthly Rounds: March rounds were 8,503. April will exceed the target number of 16,993 rounds and will probably end up close to 20,000 to 21,000 rounds.

Financial/CIP: February did not have a lot of revenue, which is typical of February, but some rounds were played. "Other expenses" line items are higher than what was budgeted, partly because we had some equipment costs paid out of there as well as the new software costs, which is one charge upfront, not a monthly fee like the previous software. Sherrie Nelson – regarding capital transfer – are we going to have to tap the reserve fund? Wade Foreman – hopefully not. Hopefully the costs during the busy season (May, June, July, August) will bring in enough revenue to avoid touching the reserve funds. Mike Calvert – does the February Operating Fund accurately reflect the balance for the year. Wade Foreman – yes it does. The March balance will show a dip, but then the next few months will reflect an increase and will hopefully exceed the $790,833 reserve amount.

Golf Organizations Updates:

A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. Two-man scramble is on Saturday and there are about 100 registrants. Match play has started and seems to be popular. It will be spread out over several months. Have 300+ members signed up and will probably pick up another 50 to 80 more members as the season progresses.

B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Claudia Pankoke. The first event that was scheduled for April 22nd was cancelled due to the weather. Weekly play numbers are up, sometimes as much as 50%. Asking members to try the forward/green tees and give some feedback. First impressions are that the green tees are as intended to be. Some players with lower handicaps are not as excited about the green tees, but those with average handicaps seem to be excited about them.

C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Presented by Bill Allen. Everything has been posted for the league: schedules and membership lists. Membership is closed and there are 377 members, including subs. Subs will continue to be added. Play starts next week on Wednesday/Thursday. August 23rd will be the last tournament and will end the season for this year.

4. Old Business: None.

5. New Business: Claudia Pankoke for LWMGA: Over the past several years, the courses have been busier, causing some issues with playing times. So far, 22 of the 31 weeks of play, there has been a request for the league to change tee times or locations of play. The league would like to come up with a list of recommendations on how they can work with the courses on this issue. The goal is to have a schedule that can be depended on and the league is struggling with this. Highlands on Fridays is one place where there are issues and Pioneers once or twice per month, but it happens at all of the courses. Sherrie Nelson – over the last few years these requests to move courses or change times have happened. We agreed the league could be bumped a few times a year, but it seems like it is happening a lot more often. Claudia Pankoke – when we submit for

tee times, it is approved but then it is changed, wonder if the process is working. Matt Herman – I don't think groups should be bumped when they are already in place, unless the group agrees. Sherri Nelson – that is our feeling exactly, that a group should not be bumped unless it is approved by the group. Claudia Pankoke – would like to start a conversation about this issue, what are the options and can we develop a system that works. Sherrie Nelson – we would entertain options and solutions and would like to have a discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m. Motion to adjourn – Bill Allen, seconded by Matt Herman.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, May 25, 2023