Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, August 24, 2023
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Bill Allen, Matt Herman, Dann Husmann, Casey Karges, Sherrie Nelson, Claudia Pankoke, Tammy Poe
	Members Absent: Mike Calvert, Jason Hutchison, Todd Johnson
	Staff Members Present: Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Chris Myers, Sandra Finn, Kyle Oakley, 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: Minutes approved by roll call. Motion to approve: Matt Herman, seconded by Bill Allen.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: July rounds ended up at 32,452. Weather was rainy, which was not normal. Turfgrass needed rainfall due to drought, but it hurt golf rounds for the month. July ended up with 5.61 inches of rain for the month. Average rainfall for July is usually 3.25 inches. Golf rounds sit at 188,888 for the fiscal year, with one month remaining. Courses are recovering from the heat and drought conditions. Unclassified employees are returning to school, and this will leave crews short-handed and make it more difficult to accomplish tasks in a timely manner.

   Maintenance: Turfgrass disease can pop up quickly in the summer months. Irrigation challenges continue at Holmes with numerous pipe failures occurring throughout the season. Crews have overseeded some areas and this will continue through September. Greens aeration is scheduled: Pioneers – September 11 & 12; Highlands – September 18 & 19; Holmes & Ager – September 25 & 26; and Mahoney – October 2 & 3. The new irrigation control system at Mahoney has been very successful, allowing far better control of the system and distribution of water.

Monthly rounds: July golf rounds ended up at 32,452. August rounds will probably be over the target amount, most likely over 30,000. Fiscal year to date rounds should end up over 200,000.

Financial/CIP: July had a good amount of revenue, with a profit of $306,709 and expenses were normal. If you remove $536,524 CIP transfer, the profit through July is $384,987. Expenses are $191,410 since the last transfer. Operations fund balance (510 Fund) and the Capitol Improvement Fund (515) have increased cash balances.

4. Golf Organizations Updates:

   A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: No update.

   B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Claudia Pankoke. Club Championship August 12 & 13 at Pioneers and Holmes. 40 players participated. Jody Nelson was Club Championship. One more event this year and it will be held at Ager Golf Course.

   C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Presented by Bill Allen. Annual Town Lunch (?) was August 23rd. Ended up with 166 players at Highlands and Pioneers. Passed out certificates for the winners.

5. Old Business: Status of Survey – Wade Foreman: putting together the feedback from the survey that was sent out earlier this summer. Will be sending out a second survey with 8-10 questions specific to the yellow and green tees. Will send emails and post flyers with QR codes. Will leave the survey open for a couple of weeks. Sherrie Nelson suggested putting an end date on the survey, so people know when they need to have it submitted.

6. New Business: Two Safety Issues at Pioneers:

   Driving Range and Parking Lot proximity. Tammy Poe: A couple of weeks ago had a car window shattered at Pioneers and the truck next to her also had a cracked window. Casey Karges said his van also had a shattered wind when he was out there. Has it every been discussed about doing something to protect vehicles in the parking lot? Possibly a net or something. Wade Foreman said he talked to Tim Rowland, and it happens (is reported) 5 to 8 times per year. Casey Crittenden: we can possibly look at netting, but it will be costly to do it correctly. More trees are going to be planted and should help prevent damage in the lot, eventually. Most issues are on the Driving Range side.

   Hill on Hole 16. Sherrie Nelson: from the yellow tee to the top of the hill, carts are not using the cart paths. Witnessed one member going up the hill and they spun out and did a 360 backwards down the hill (ground was wet). Can the area be roped off or signs posted to say no carts on the hill, use cart path. Casey Crittenden: we have put up rope and signs directing carts to the cart path If area is allowed to go to native grass, may prevent people from driving up it and mowers wouldn't have to mow the hill either.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. Motion to adjourn – Casey Karges, seconded by Bill Allen.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, September 28, 2023