Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, October 24, 2024
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Greg Bauer, Mike Calvert, Jim Danson (late), Karen Flowers, Matt Herman, Jason Hutchison, Todd Johnson, Casey Karges, Sherrie Nelson, Tammy Poe
	Members Absent: Dann Husmann
	Members of the Public Present: None
	Staff Members Present: Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Tim Rowland, Denis Vontz, Jonathan Benson, Pam Hoffman

Agenda items

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

   Approval of previous minutes: Minutes approved by roll call with no changes. Motion to approve: Mike Calvert, seconded by Matt Herman.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: September experienced a significant lack of rainfall with only .20 inches recorded. This is the 4th driest September since records began in 1887. Over the past 2 months, the total rainfall has only reached 1.70 inches, leading to adverse effects on non-irrigated grasses, which have begun to go dormant in many areas. However, dry conditions provide favorable weather for outdoor activities, contributing to an increase in golf participation with 25,511 rounds played, 6.46% higher than September of 2023. October also experienced little rainfall.

   The month of August saw limited rainfall of only 1.5 inches of rain and a nice stretch of higher temperatures in upper 70s and low 80s made for great golf conditions during the month. The favorable weather led to 32,801 rounds of golf with Mahoney Golf Course pacing the way with the highest rounds played for the month of August. Fiscal year 2023-2024 ended at month's end with

235,012 rounds of golf. Profit of $757,662 from fiscal year 2022-2023 was approved by City Council. Over 1,000 kids did programs in fiscal year 2023-2024.

Maintenance – October report – the fall aeration of the greens has been successfully completed, with excellent results reported by the maintenance teams. As the weather cools, their focus will shift to essential fall tasks, including the thorough blowing out of irrigation systems to prepare for winter. Maintenance teams will also be putting down fall fertilizer and herbicide applications along with grinding tree stumps and filling those holes. Additionally, efforts to enhance the landscape are underway, with 25 new trees scheduled for planting this fall as part of our ongoing tree replacement. Greens aeration was completed and went well: Pioneers on September 9th & 10th; Highlands on September 16th & 17th; Holmes & Ager on September 23rd & 24th; Mahoney on September 30th & October 1st.

Maintenance September report – It has been another dry start to the end of summer/start of fall season with non-irrigated turf suffering in the roughs. The crews will be overseeding areas throughout the fall. A few of the fall projects that crews will be working on include but are not limited to: building yellow tee at Pioneers #15; removal of dead and damaged trees along with stump removals; planting of trees; measure fairway widths and adjust as needed for all courses; irrigation adjustments and repairs; re-level yellow tee box at Holmes #2; bunker work to include rebuilding/drainage work/ level Pioneers tee box #18.

Monthly rounds: Last fiscal year at the Jim Ager Golf Course, 1,131 junior golfers engaged in one or more of the comprehensive golf learning programs, showcasing the growing interest in the sport among young athletes. In addition to this enthusiastic youth participation, 83 adults took advantage of the Get Golf Ready programs, further enriching the programs diverse offerings. October rounds look like the will end up pretty good.

Financial/CIP: Through the City's Budget resolution process in August, $757,662 (extra profits from the Golf Operations Fund 510 in fiscal year 2022-2023) was submitted as a Golf CIP Revision for (Fund 465) golf course irrigation. This will make $1,531,457 in Golf Operations profits that have been transferred over to the Golf CIP in the last 3 years. End of the year highlights: a lot of good golf days, higher rounds, and profit of over $1 million. 4th highest since 1991; 235,012 rounds of golf played; Ager up to 30,000 rounds; players from 40 out of 50 states, plus Canada; outstanding staff; 781 golf course acres that golf maintenance has taken care of.

4. Golf Organizations Updates:

   A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. Finished events and had a successful year. Had 32 players qualify for awards.

   B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Karen Flowers. Finished year with 4 Club at Ager. Fall meeting was held at Highlands. Becky Moyer is the new President.

   C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Completed the year at Pioneers. Had over 300 fulltime members and 80 subs for the year. Approved President and Vice President: Greg Bauer and Mike Gerhardt. Added 4-5 members to the board. Needed back up members for tasks if the person who usually does it could not. Cutting back on events next year so it is more manageable. Very successful year, only 3 tournaments at city courses next year.

5. Old Business: Customer Survey continued discussion:

a. 5-somes: Matt Herman – doesn't like 5-somes but OK with them if speed of play is OK. Tammy Poe – doesn't think 5-somes will solve the speed of play problem. Moreso for those who don't know golf etiquette. Karen Flowers – not enough marshalling or marshals who have authority to do something. Widening fairways may help. Also make an effort to educate golfers. Tim Rowland – 20-30% of golfers aren't educated on golf etiquette.

b. Speed of Play: Karen Flowers mad a suggestion that there be a sub-committee to come up with recommendations of what can be done to deal with slow play. Could meet with Wade over the wintertime. Wade Foreman: will look into what subcommittee could work with this issue.

6. New Business: Thank you to Dann Husmann and Jason Hutchison for serving on the LMGAC.

7. Staff Reports: Holmes Irrigation Bid – Casey Crittendan. There were for bidders for the project. Landscapes Limited was awarded the bid.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. Motion to adjourn – Jason Hutchison, seconded by Sherrie Nelson.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, April 24, 2025