Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, July 31, 2025
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Greg Bauer, Mike Calvert, Jim Danson, Matt Herman, Todd Johnson, Casey Karges, Jennifer Kirkland, Sherrie Nelson
	Members Absent: Joe, Canney, Becky Moyer, Tammy Poe
	Members of the Public Present: None
	Staff Members Present: Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Zac Morley, Jonathan Benson, J.J. Yost, Denise Pearce, 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 unanimously by roll call with no changes. Motion to Approve: Casey Karges, seconded by Matt Herman.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: Maintenance – Courses remain in good shape, thanks to the continued efforts of the maintenance crews, along with helpful rainfall over the past month. Rough areas between the fairways are beginning to show signs of dormancy, and poa in the fairways is starting to decline due to the summer heat.

   Tree trimming operations will begin in July and continue through August, taking advantage of the extra hands from our summer staff.

   At Holmes Golf Course, the irrigation system continues to be a challenge with an average of three leaks per week. On a positive note, most of the necessary materials such as pipe and fittings are already onsite and ready for the installation of the new irrigation system. Work will be gin in a few months on the $1.9 million dollar Golf CIP Project. Closing holes will be needed at times

during the entire project to complete in a timely manner. Project could possibly begin in September, depending on the contractor.

Monthly rounds: June brought favorable weather conditions for golf with 3.22 inches of rainfall helping to maintain healthy, actively growing turfgrass. A total of 34,219 rounds were played across the courses with Pioneers leading the way at 8,154 rounds. Year-to-date total rounds remain strong, 23% above the budgeted target. Looking ahead, July and August traditionally see over 30,000 rounds each month, continuing the momentum of a strong golf season.

Highlands Golf Course will be one of two sites hosting a Korn Ferry Tour qualifier on Monday, August 4th for the Pinnacle Bank Championship hosted in Omaha on August 7th-10th. Over 100 golf professionals will be at Highlands Golf Course trying to qualify for the main event later in the week. The Korn Ferry Tour is a professional golf tour owned and operated by the PGA Tour. It serves as a primary pathway for professional golfers to earn their PGA Tour cards, with the top players graduating to the PGA Tour each year. The tour identifies and develops the next generation of golf stars, offering opportunities for players to compete and progress in their careers. Scottie Scheffler played the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019.

Financial/CIP: Other services - $209,000 for June. The bulk of that is from Central Services which is our share of services from Finance. That encompasses other city departments ($164,448), advertising, licensing for food/alcohol permits, credit card fees, software, etc.

The 515 fund continues to grow with $179,523 credit for actual expenditures.

4. Golf Organizations Updates:

   A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Mike Calvert. 322 full members and 8 associate members. Membership is down from last year. Next event is a 2-Person Modified Chapman at Pioneers.

   B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Presented by Sherrie Nelson. Event at Mahoney went well. Used software for scoring instead of sheets. Also had tee times instead of modified shotgun start. Would like to go back to the shotgun start in the future.

   C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Greg Bauer. Membership numbers have stayed the same. Have completed twelve weeks of league play, with two weeks left. Awards event at Highlands and Pioneers with lunch at the Highlands. Then there will be a fall tournament. Had to negotiate rates at some of the outside courses.

5. Old Business: Fees 2026.

   Discussion of adjustment of fees for 2026, to keep fees in line with the current market. Highlands to move to tier 1 prices. $20 membership increase. Capitol improvement fee increase. Mike Calvert said the LMGA wants the membership increase vote to be voted on separately from other fees. The are specifically opposed to the membership fee increase for youth, as well as the daily rate increase for youth and adults. The group finds the daily fee increase a problem because the program is profitable and we don't know what the other courses in town will be charging or if they will be increasing prices. The group is concerned that if the Golf Program looks too profitable that there we could place a target on our us from other city departments. Joe Canney wrote letter of support as he could not be at the meeting. Motion to approve an increase in membership fees, excluding the Junior Summer and Junior Annual fees. Motion made

by Mike Calvert and seconded by Jim Danson. Membership Fees: Unanimously approved by roll call of members present.

Motion to approve an increase in membership fees for Junior Summer and Junior Annual memberships. Motion to approve was made by Jim Danson and seconded by Matt Herman: Yay votes: Greg Bauer, Jim Danson, Matt Herman, Todd Johnson, Casey Karges, Jennifer Kirkland, Sherrie Nelson. Nay vote: Mike Calvert.

Motion to approve Daily Fee increases. Motion to approve was made by Casey Karges and seconded by Jim Danson. Yay votes: Greg Bauer, Jim Danson, Matt Herman, Todd Johnson, Casey Karges, Jennifer Kirkland, Sherrie Nelson. Nay vote: Mike Calvert.

6. New Business: Surplus of .70 acres of Highlands Golf Course* JJ Yost/Denise Pearce/Wade Foreman.

Located in the northeast corner of Highland Golf (near hole 11). In order for the housing development to meet storm water requirements, they are interested purchasing the undeveloped area of land and a parcel owned by the developer would be taken over by the city. The deal needs to go through a surplus sale action. Proceeds go into a land acquisition fund for course improvements. Motion to approve was made by Mike Calvert and seconded by Todd Johnson. Approved unanimously by roll call of members present.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, August 28, 2025 at noon.