Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, August 28th, 2025
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Joe Canney, Matt Herman, Todd Johnson, Jennifer Kirkland, Sherrie Nelson, Tammy Poe
	Members Absent: Greg Bauer, Jim Danson, Becky Moyer
	Members of the Public Present: None
	Staff Members Present: Wade Forman, Casey Crittenden, Scott Carlson, Jonathan Benson, Tim Roland, Denis Vontz, Jamie Granquist

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Sherrie Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approval of previous minutes: Minutes approved by roll call with no changes. Motion to Approve: Matt Herman, seconded by Todd Johnson. One abstention by Tammy Poe for prior meeting absence.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: Maintenance - Courses received some tree damage from the 8/9/25 storm. Mahoney still had some damage to clean up, Holmes and Ager along with many still working on cleanup. Will be quite a while to get everything cleaned up. Highlands #13 fairway was plugged up drainage issues.

   Greens aeration will be coming up in September, dates for this fall are scheduled for: Pioneers – September 8th & 9th; Highlands – September 15th & 16th; Holmes – September 22nd & 23rd; and Mahoney – September 29th & 30th. Close down one of the 9s for decent amount of day, next day flip to other 9 to aerate the greens. Quick process with cooperative weather takes 2 days or so and will impact play with debris that normally lessens in less than 2 weeks.

   Monthly Rounds: July was another great month on the course, with golfers racking up an impressive 36,409 rounds. We saw 3.93 inches of rain, just a bit more than the usual 3.25 inches,

which put a damper on play for a few days. With just one month left in the fiscal year, all signs point to another fantastic season of golf. Standard typical July numbers, almost 4 inches of rain briefly hindered play due to golf cart pause. Rain has helped with the roughs and greenery within the roughs are green and continue to be mowed, looking good vs last couple years with recent drought conditions. Golfers are commenting on how nice the courses look. July and August are typically the busiest months. School beginning effected numbers this week and the Nebraska Football game saw several leagues cancel for the evening due to the KC Arrowhead game, which sold 66,000+ tickets sold and is televised as well.

A question was asked if Tournaments count in rounds play reporting, which they do.

Event of note – On August 3rd, Mahoney Golf Course proudly rolled out the green carpet once again for the Special Olympics of Nebraska golf competition! The action teed off at 9am, drawing athletes and fans from across the state. The fairways were buzzing with 18 players tackling the full eighteen-hole challenge, 100 golfers taking the nine-hole round, and 32 players showing their stuff on a three-hole course. Meanwhile, the putting green and driving range came alive with fierce skills and competitions. For over 15 years, Mahoney has been honored to host this inspiring event, where incredible talent, sportsmanship and joy of the game shine. Annual event host, since 2008. Athletes come out and pay 3 holes to all 18 holes. Chipping and putting games help everyone experience golf in the space.

Financial/CIP: Review of the budget numbers. Wade explained a couple of items and that adjustments to when items were paid reflect monthly numbers a bit differently, but strong summer created another solid summer of revenue. Consistent numbers from year to year. Sometimes timing plays a role in monthly numbers but totals for the year even out and are on track from year to year, for last few years. YTD is doing well, just over $1 million profit. Strong and steady last couple of years for revenue.

CIP will transfer profits from previous years to generate additional maintenance project and irrigation project to follow. 2-year budgets are typical for CIPs and project priorities planned out. 465 Business Unit Fund is projects related, contains the irrigation project to come, explained as holding for start, will be $1.9 million total. Remaining accounts overviews of the 510 Fund Golf Operations and 515 Fund Capital Improvements are running typical for this time of year. Budget Reappropriation addition to follow from fiscal year change to follow.

5. Golf Organizations Updates:

   A. Lincoln Municipal Golf Association: Mike Calvert was absent; no report was provided.

   B. Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association: Becky Moyer was absent, update provided by Tammy Poe: Wrapping up the season, finish year at just under 150 members. Club Championship this past weekend at Mahoney & Highlands. Went well but with lower numbers this year due to existing events. Fall Fling at Holmes shortly and then dinner later this fall.

Asked the group about some struggles they are having with event tee times and wait time gaps, social part and awards can be a challenge. If they had events during the week, could they possibly do a modified shotgun type setup. A fair amount of folks have the flexibility due to age and tending to be retired or with more ability to make earlier work during the week. Dennis

Vontz mentioned that perhaps starting earlier to allow for course setup could work, 8am would be something to consider but guessing game of participant numbers and when public tee times can start. Shotgun starts are complicated due to how much it effects round sales and consistency for public play times and ability for the public to count on being able to play, along with not having gaps if the time isn't matched. Early times will fill up with assured sales, so it's a larger gamble for revenue also.

C. Lincoln Senior Golf League: Greg Bauer was absent; no report was provided.

6. Old Business: None.

7. New Business: Golf Customer Survey results

The last few years, City staff have shared the survey results at this meeting, with a follow up discussion at the next meeting. 743 responses that were typical results as expected, responses tended to be in early June and new updates to marshalling more than likely are not reflected in results as far as slow play and group size limits. Limited question about the rough conditions, due to recent drought realities and low scores. Slow play, 5-somes, and current golf cart conditions mentioned as expected as scoring low and followed normal patterns of low scoring. Jennifer asked how the survey was distributed and makeup of women within the responses vs recipients in general. Wade mentioned that it was mainly through website, PR, and emails send to people who had played within the last year. Each Clubhouse also had QR codes listed for the public to take the survey to try to capture more variety of players. Water availability on course was mentioned as a desirable amenity and other courses that have this amenity to compare potential availability options. Private processes mentioned and public processes explained as a nuanced multistep process and sanitization concerns along with legalities of liability or potential illness. Water in clubhouses sited as current operating standard for the City as those can be cleaned, maintained, and sanitized.

Sherrie mentioned that some of the tee boxes show some wear or beatdown and will make a note of which ones are the most and send to Casey for the issues with certain tee boxes and note angles or slants and/or lack of elevation, along with excessive wear. Casey will get those in the hopper for correction as we move through more favorable conditions for workability.

8. Staff Reports: Tammy asked a couple of questions about irrigation projects to come, and timing clarification asked by the Committee. Casey mentioned that the closure of a couple of holes occasionally may be needed but normally, as similar in a previous project sited as the expected process so nothing should be closed or create issues with play or flexibility. Construction to be completed by April 2026, pending nothing more than typical seasonal snowfall, which is mainly the issue that could slow the irrigation project down. Might need to flex shuffling 2 9-hole tee times to get in a full 18.

9. Motion to Adjourn made by Matt Herman, seconded by Tammy Poe.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Jamie Granquist, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, September 25, 2025 at noon.