Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor
Date:	Thursday, June 25th, 2026
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Attendees:	Members Present: Greg Bauer, Mike Calvert, Matt Herman, Casey Karges, Jennifer Kirkland (late), Sherrie Nelson, Tammy Poe, Jerry Shorney, Alice Skultety
	Members Absent: Joe Canney, Jim Danson,
	Members of the Public Present: None
	Staff Members Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Wade Forman, Scott Carlson, Jonathan Benson, Pam Hoffman

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Sherrie Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes from April 23, 2026: Minutes approved by roll call with no changes. Motion to Approve: Casey Karges, seconded by Alice Skultety.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Review of Reports:

   Monthly Report: Maintenance Updates – The 7.5 inches of rainfall in the last 30 days has been extremely beneficial. Turfgrass conditions have improved significantly and are returning to more normal levels, especially the rough areas that lack irrigation all season. As temperatures rise, however, the combination of heat and humidity will become a growing concern. Superintendents are closely monitoring turf conditions.

   Staff are actively monitoring a severe drop in the water levels of the two wells at Mahoney this summer. Over the last few years, the water column above the pumps has decreased drastically, falling from 41 feet down to just 19 feet. This sharp decline is probably tied to the drought impacting eastern Nebraska. We have had a well company come and assess them and based on the well company's initial findings, Scott is implementing a couple of adjustments when running the irrigation system to minimize drawdown. Rain increases the amount of water but the water isn't regenerating as quickly as it has in the past.

Holmes Park Golf Course is starting to convert approximately 12 acres to native grass areas as disking and planting will take place in the next month. The native grass will take a few years to grow up and get full.

Monthly Rounds: Year-to-date golf rounds are up 7% compared to last year, maintaining a strong pacing for the season. May rounds were 36,534 total rounds played across the courses. Highlands Golf Course led the entire city in overall rounds played in May. June, July, and August rounds should be 30,000 plus rounds.

Youth Golf: Summer programming is in full swing, and the spotlight is on our PGA Junior League Program. This year, 36 young golfers are participating across four exciting teams: the Ager Red Ants, Ager Aces, Holmes Hornets, and Holmes Hawks. Throughout the summer, players are developing their skills, building friendships, and experiencing the fun of team golf through weekly practices held at both Jim Ager and Holmes Park Golf Courses. In addition to regular instruction and practice opportunities, participants will have the chance to showcase their growth and competitive spirit in four PGA Junior League events scheduled throughout the season. Zac Morely is lead instructor for these programs.

*Financial/CIP: $667,563 was the profit for May. The year-to-date true profit is $499,337.03. The balance for the Golf Operations 510 is $3,240.655 and the balance for the Capital Improvement 515 Fund is $849,113.

5. Meet the Team: Scott Kennedy, Superintendent at Mahoney Golf Course. Scott has been with the City since 2001. He has also worked at all of the golf courses in his tenure. Scott mentioned he and his crew have been edging bunkers and adding sand; and seeding par threes to keep up conditions.

6. Old Business: None.

7. New Business: None

8. Staff reports: Wade Foreman – Scott Carlson will be retiring from Holmes in January. He will be staying on for a few extra months to assist with transition. A Pilot Program is being set up at Holmes and we will be hiring a City employee as a Pro and a second City employee as an Assistant Pro. Spoke with a PGA Career Consultant and the model currently used with our Pros is not the usual set up. Working with the Mayor's Office and Human Resources to create the new positions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next meeting Thursday, July 23, 2026 at noon.