

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Village Hall of New Lenox, Formal Conference Room 202. New Lenox, IL.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Call to order President Fischer called the January 17, 2018 meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm.
Attendance The following were present: Commissioners: Larson, Kraemer, Schulz and President Fischer.
Also in Attendance Director of Business Services Kathy Lynch, Director of Golf Bob Schulz, Attorney Angelo Vitoritti, Assistant Golf Professional Ethan Bedsaul, and Deputy Director of Executive Services Jacque Tuma.

Golf Course Operation

Director of Golf Schulz noted this budget meeting is earlier this year due to the purchasing of equipment. Director of Golf Schulz explained rates have not increased for the past two years; this year it is being recommended to increase by a \$1.00; this will affect all of our current rates and everyone seems good with the increase. Director of Golf Schulz noted last year's dynamic pricing went well and will continue to do this in the upcoming season; typically, June through August. This helped increase play during the slow times. Outings will remain on Fridays which seem to have worked out well. The website worked well last year; Golf Now ran different specials which also helped the overall bottom line at the course.

All outings from 2017 are returning for 2018; maximize tee sheet progress by increasing the time between the outing and play by ½ hour which gave the course a 4 out 5 stars on Golf Now. Amateur Tour coming back again; will be on the Golf Channel again, all of our 2017 outings that the Golf Course ran last year were sold out in record time.

Golf Operations during the off-season hours began at 8AM. Will still offer back nine mornings at 6AM -7AM only before work June through August; this is another revenue source. During the prime season the grounds crew will begin earlier during the week only. Pace of play has been going well the new fleet of golf carts seem faster; we eliminated GPS on the carts but you can have an app on your phone now. Demo days this past year were successful. Staff wages need to be reviewed as our staff is underpaid in comparison to the industry; currently other courses pay between \$11.00-\$12.00 per hour, this is causing good employees to leave. It was mentioned to look at the entry level starting rate. Range held up great, it wasn't over seeded.

Leagues are returning; Monday Night Men's with 232 players, Couples League sold out last year and was the best run league in the area; Junior League will also be coming back. There will be \$1.00 increase for the Monday Night and Couples Leagues, but Juniors, and also the Non-Sanctuary Leagues will not have an increase.

Director of Golf Schulz noted the New Lenox Sales Tax increased to 9%; costs have been adjusted. Hours have been successful; the food prices are going to increase due to the food supply.

Golf Course Maintenance looking into installing new tees on 7th/13th holes; currently hitting from the current tees is too long; moving tee boxes to gold. Then shorten 9 and 18; only doing two at a time because even though they are done in house the cost is still \$2,200.00 each. Hole 4 drainage issues have been fixed. Director of Golf Schulz noted the Chemicals and Fertility fees will be increasing.

There was discussion about the five-year plan on equipment which is still on schedule and within budget. President Fischer likes the five-year plan; it helps with projections for the future. This year it is being budgeted for a new mower and bunker rake. Financing rates are a little higher than before but still within the budgetary figure of 100K set by the board. We will be replacing a 22-year-old bunker rake from Toro. Director of Golf Schulz commented the new equipment will be brought in front of the board next month with delivery being 6 to 8 weeks; first payment due May 1st. It was noted there were camera upgrades and currently those are good. Cart Barn upgrade needs drywall and paint; currently working on three RFP's for the exterior building maintenance. Will address drainage at holes 2, 3, 5, 14, and 15. There will be bunker removals at 3, 8, 18 and possibly 14; hole 3 is a double hazard which is a maintenance nightmare; cheap to remove. Getting quotes on replacing Clubhouse doors; also getting quotes on cart paths.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:50 p.m. President Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the January 17, 2018 Special Board Meeting of the New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Commissioner Kraemer, seconded by Commissioner Schulz. Upon voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacque Tuma
Recording Secretary