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Golf Advisory Commission Minutes, June 27, 2017
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Members: Kathy Miller, Jerry Reynolds, David Selkirk, Paul Sandborg, ,
Park Superintendent Don Miles, Director of Parks & Recreation Tony Oligney-
Estill

Absent: Rodney Bunch, Greenkeeper Matt Miles, Head Golf Professional Bryan Luedtke

Minutes of May 23, 2017 where approved.

Greenkeeper Report:

Park Superintendent Don Miles reported:

- There were two new control wires pulled into the ground to sprinkler heads in nine fairway. The original wires were cut somewhere and could not be found to splice back together.
- Greens were topdressed with sand and then brushed and rolled to improve ball roll.
- Tall grass right of the beginning of 14 fairway was cut down short per request.
- Tall grass in front of 2 back tee and in front of the back tee on 16 was knocked down to minimize ball interference.
- The spruce trees around the back nine bathrooms were trimmed up off the ground by request.
- The Bunker Links rules sign was retained. The golf shop, shelter at 9 tee and back nine bathroom has been touched up with stain to cover peeling areas.
- Dirt work was done to fill in various low spots and sink holes around the course.

Report was reviewed and accepted.

Golf Professional Report:

Park Superintendent Don Miles reported:

- Events
 - Senior “SUPER BALL”
 - 16 teams participated on Thursday, June 15th.
 - \$640 was paid out in merchandise credit.
 - Beautiful weather and course was in great shape.
 - All City Men’s & Senior Championship
 - 43 players competed on Friday, June 9th.
 - Beautiful weather and course was in great shape.
 - Junior Golf Program
 - 13 juniors participated in this year program.

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- Staff did an excellent job keeping it fun for the kids.
- Matt Miles gave the kids a great tour of the maintenance facility.
- Dale Foster Foundation donated two junior scholarships to the two most deserving kids in the program.
- Upcoming Events
 - All City Ladies Championship – July 18th
 - Money-Ball Tournament – July 20th
- Season Passes and Punch Card Report through 6/22/2017
 - Passes sold through 6/22/17. The amount listed for 2016 is for the entire year of 2016.
 - Regular – 67, up 3 from 2016
 - Senior – 88, down 4 from 2016
 - Junior – 16, down 2 from 2016
 - Associate – 16, up 3 from 2016
 - Family Member – 0
 - First Time Season Pass – 22, down 21 from 2016
 - Default – 39, up 5 from 2016
 - Total cards sold through 5/22/17. The amount listed for 2016 is for the entire year of 2016.
 - 10 Round (9 holes) – 10, same as 2016.
 - 10 Round (18 holes) – 22, up 10 from 2016
 - 15 Round – NC
 - 20 Round – 22, up 6 from 2016
 - Default – 2, down 4 from 2016
- Total Rounds Yearly Analysis
 - Rounds are down this year compared to last year with March being the month that had the biggest loss in rounds. Rounds are still higher for the year compared to 2015.

Report was reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

- Bryan and Tony came up with the following refund policy on passes. To be considered for a refund, the request must be made 30 days or less from when the pass was purchased. If a refund given on a pass, a 10% administrative fee will be charged. For every round of golf played while the pass was active will reduce the refund by 1%. Documentation (i.e. doctor's note) may be requested in order to have a refund considered.

New Business:

- Bryan brought forth a question about the rising cost of credit card fees and if Bunker Links should address this in some way. Some suggestions included only accepting cash or check for passes, giving a discount to people that pay in cash or check and increasing

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all prices by a little bit to cover the cost of credit card transactions. The Commission decided more discussion was needed. Tony said he thought this issue needed to be addressed at the Department Head level as this issue affects the entire City, not just Bunker Links.

- Dave suggested making a flag with the Bunker Links logo and flying it on the flag post under the American flag.
- Commission started discussing fee rates for 2018. One suggestion was to combine the Driving Range pass with the Season Pass and make it one pass. If the Season Pass was increased by \$50 or so which included the driving range, Season Pass holders could see this as a value added even if they don't use the range much. This could also address the Season Pass holders that don't pay for the driving range but pick up random driving range balls or hit leftover balls at the driving range without paying. Fees for 2018 need to be recommended sometime in October.
- A request was made to have 3 rakes at various sand traps as two rakes always seem to be close to each other and getting a rake is not convenient as they are generally not spread out once players start using them.
- A suggestion was made to put a TV over the coffee area. The TV could be used to advertise upcoming events and City information as well as televise golf programming.

Citizen Comments:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

Tony Oligney-Estill, Director of Parks and Recreation