

Golf Commission Minutes, May 27, 2025
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

Meeting was called to order by Dave Selkirk at 4:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Members: Stan Devlin, Bob Reedy, Dave Selkirk, Jerry Reynolds, Greenkeeper Matt Miles, Golf Professional Bryan Luedtke, Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles, and Council Liaison Steve Cheesman

Absent: Rodney Bunch

Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved, with a motion from Devlin, 2nd by Reynolds.

Citizen Comments:
None.

Reports:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Director Miles reported that the budget process for 2026 has begun, with the first step needing completed for next month's meeting would be considering fee increases. Bridge projects are moving along, the parking lot sealing is planned for later this summer.

Council Liaison:

Steve Cheesman reported that he is working on a master list of projects and discussing with golfers to get their opinion on what should or needs to be completed to improve the golf course.

Greenkeeper:

Greenkeeper Miles reported.

- Greens were top-dressed with sand again a week after aerification.
- Weeding and maintenance to the sand bunkers was performed.
- Two water leaks were dug up and repaired.

- Additional tree trimming was done around the course to improve clearance issues.
- Been busy applying products to the turf to keep it healthy.
- New sod areas are now being mowed and the ropes have been removed. The height of cut will be gradually reduced until normal playing height is achieved.
- Two dead trees were removed from the course.

A question was asked about the remainder of tree behind #7 green that had some damage from the high winds. Matt stated that it would be removed when time allowed.

Golf Professional:

Golf Professional Luedtke provided a review of the numbers for the month of April. There were 2,840 rounds played which up 87 from 2024. Revenue is up, especially the driving range. The weather was not spectacular, but numbers were still up. The Spring Shamble had 26 foursomes compete with \$1,560 in merchandise credit paid out the winners. The course hosted two outings with 14 and 17 foursomes, both with dinner afterwards. One outing was cancelled but are looking to find a new date to host later in the year. June is going to be busy with six outings on the calendar.

A question was asked about season pass numbers being down. Bryan explained that both country clubs ran membership specials this spring to attract golfers to their courses. We have lost some players to that, and our players are getting older and are deciding not to play as much or not at all.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Bob Reedy mentioned that he would like to see an Assistant Golf Professional position hired for next season to assist Bryan with all the extra work that goes into operating the Golf Shop and running the outings. Before the conversation was over the commission felt that Matt should have an assistant as well. If either one of them happens to get ill and would happen to miss substantial time away from work it could be detrimental to the operation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" and last name "Miles" clearly legible.

Don Miles, Director of Parks and Recreation