

Golf Commission Minutes, March 24, 2026
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

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

Roll Call: Present: Stan Devlin, Bob Reedy, Dave Selkirk, Rodney Bunch, Jill Johnson, Golf Professional Bryan Luedtke, Greenkeeper Matt Miles, Council Member Steve Cheesman

Absent: Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were approved, with a motion from Bunch, 2nd by Reedy.

Citizen Comments:
None.

Reports:
Parks and Recreation Director:
Matt Miles reported for Director Miles that the second phase of drainage work is being prepared to go out for bid requests very soon. The new bridge was installed on #3 and a culvert was installed on #6 replacing the old, dilapidated bridge.

Council Liaison:
Meeting with the public advocating for the golf course.

Greenkeeper:
Greenkeeper Miles reported.

- The old wood bridge far left of 15 pond was removed for safety reasons. No replacement bridge will be put in its place.
- Fairway and rough areas were aerated with solid slicing tines.
- All the oak trees in play were trimmed up this winter to improve playability.
- The forestry division removed the three willow trees from hole five and ground up tree stumps throughout the course.

- The tree stump grindings have been cleaned up and back filled with dirt.
- The small maple right of nine green was removed due to disease.
- The tall rough areas were mowed down completely. The waterway areas were trimmed up with the sickle bar mower.
- The cutting down and cleanup of ornamental areas was done.
- Repairs and maintenance were performed on the equipment as necessary. The cutting reels and bed knives have been sharpened on a grinder.
- Golf course accessories are being refurbished and repainted as necessary.
- The sand bunkers have been edged with hand edgers to improve their aesthetics. Snow fencing was installed to help retain sand from blowing out of the bunkers during the high winds over winter months.
- Course cleanup from sticks and debris is ongoing from the winter storms and wind.
- Certain areas have been mowed for the first time like greens and approaches. Rolling of these areas is being done as well.

A question was asked by Stan Devlin about the leaning tree in the tall grass area near #5 tee. Matt will assess the issue and report back next month.

Golf Professional:

Golf Professional Bryan Luedtke reported some final numbers from 2025, stating that revenue and rounds were both down from the previous year. The membership specials offered by the country clubs assisted with the losses along with the weather. He also reported on what had been happening over the winter in preparation for the season. Upgrades to the POS system, certifications, cleaning, and a new sink installed behind the counter to stay in compliance with Health Department regulations.

A question was asked by Jill Johnson if pass sales are on pace with past years. The answer was yes.

Old Business:

Rodney Bunch asked about getting lines painted on the entrance road to show actual driving lanes. The Public Works Department was asked, and the request was deemed not warranted.

New Business:

Steve Cheesman thanked Jill Johnson for joining the commission. All the other members thanked her as well.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "M".

Don Miles, Director of Parks and Recreation