

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

Mr. Gola called the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Joe Colmone, Greg Gola, Kevin Kost, Brian McDermott, Meghan Scarsella,
Gary Schiefer, and Charlie Van Slyke

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Manager, Kevin Goss, Superintendent and Jean Paprocki, the
Reporting Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by **Gary Schiefer** and seconded by
Meghan Scarsella. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY MANAGER'S REPORT:

This is essentially a year end summary as November is considered to be the beginning of the "offseason". Therefore, playable days are not tracked although November will average about 600 rounds depending on temperatures and snowfall. 177 playable days were recorded for the 2021 season which includes March through October which is 20 more playable days compared to the 5-year average of 157. Most of these gains were due to the warmer and drier weather in March, April and May with the remaining months staying near the average of 28 playable days per month. As a consequence, revenues through November 21st have hit an all-time high with year-to-date greens fee and cart revenue at \$733,748 exceeding the 2021 budget of \$709,953 by \$23,796. It also surpasses the 5-year average greens fee and cart revenues by \$157,111 which is a 27% growth in revenue. Driving range revenues year-to-date have also hit record levels with \$126,916, which is a 23% growth over the 5-year average of \$103,507. This increase is due to the number of golfers using the driving range not rate increases which Dave attributes to our expanded exposure on Golf Now. Our combined revenue surpasses the 5-year average by \$180,000. The banquets have not been as numerous as previous years as COVID still is a deterrent with several showers, a birthday party, and a life celebration event. The payments for the outstanding amounts due from the Willowbrook Boys and York Girls high school teams totaling just over \$19,000 were received for greens fee, carts and driving range usage for their team practices and matches this fall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

November has been slightly below average in temperature and well below average in precipitation ((-1,06"). Although September and October were above normal in temperature, a

sudden drop in temperature on November 2nd announced the arrival of fall with most mornings after that having frost delays. We had no frost delays this last October with the average being 5 thru 10 most years. These delays give workers the opportunity to catch up on maintenance work although they do shorten the number of hours for golf. Course maintenance includes fall debris cleanup with so many of our trees dropping leaves later in the fall and winterizing our irrigation system by blowing out the pipes with compressed air. The 3 rough mowers are now working and should be ready for next season after dealing with their mechanical problems and included sending one out to the dealer's service department. During this time, we rented a smaller mower and the bills are just arriving for the repairs and the rental. Also, Kevin has located a good deal on a "demo" fairway mower and is in the process of securing its purchase next year. This demo mower is a 2020 mower with only 245 hours of use and costs \$51,995 which is \$16,000 less than the same mower new. It would also be available immediately versus new mowers which wouldn't be available until well into 2022. As a historical note, the purchase of a fairway mower was approved as part of the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 budgets, but the money wasn't available for capital purchases during those earlier years. At this point, there were several questions from different board members about the sale, the leasing and the terms of the contract which were answered by Kevin, **Brian McDermott**, and **Greg Gola**.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT

The Board considered the Budget Comparison Report through Period 10. **Brian McDermott** reviewed both revenues and expenditures and reiterated that revenue in many areas have exceeded our 2021 budget while in expenditures, he noted the consulting fee of \$12,000 and in capital expenses, the ground water testing of \$28,000. We are significantly under net for expenses. The motion to accept the October Income Statement was made by **Charlie Van Slyke** and seconded by **Joe Colmone**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Two additions include **Charlie Van Slyke** clarified some of the process and legal issues involved with the sale of the house, and **Brian McDermott** gave an update on the Grant that was received for \$612,000 for the Creek Restoration Project saying that members from Villa Park, the Elmhurst Park District and the consulting firm have met to decide if they could abide by the timeline and grant requirements.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. unless issues should occur that require the Board's attention. At that time, the Board members will receive an email to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by **Meghan Scarsella** and seconded by **Kevin Kost** and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,