

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

PRESENT: Kent Johnson, Greg Gola, Chuck Howard, Brian McDermott, Claire Kubiesa, and Charlie Van Slyke

ALSO PRESENT: Cory Ferrell, Manager and Kevin Goss, Superintendent

ABSENT: Joe Colmone

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2024

A motion to approve the minutes for November 26, 2024, was made by Greg Gola and seconded by Chuck Howard. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

2025 WEST BRIDGE REPAIR

Brian McDermott explained in 2024, engineering was done by V3 for the two bridges to find out what's possible and come up with a plan for how to repair them. On January 3rd this year, we went out to bid for this project. There was a mandatory pre-bid meeting on January 13th. Nice to see 10 contractors in attendance. We did end up receiving five bids on February 4th. And then the lowest most responsible bidder was by Guardian Asphalt Protection and Maintenance, Inc. of Aurora, IL for \$67,100. There was an additive. The original spec call for mud jacking sections and the additive was to just replace them with the concrete instead of the mud jacking. This cost was for \$12,650. Reference checks were done with positive responses. Also checked with the Illinois Department of labor and no known violations were found. We budgeted 80,000 this year for that. It's going to come in at is the 79,750. Staff have a plan for alternate hole routing during construction. We could start playing from number seven as the first hole and play seven and number eight, so he would be number two, and then go over to number three, play three, four, five, six, come up to number seven again, and have either an alternate T that they could play like number seven from the back portion and play it almost as a par five, and then play eight and nine, and then they would finish their round. A motion to recommend for approval to the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners and the Village of Villa Park Trustees was made by Kent Johnson and seconded by Charlie Van Slyke. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT- CORY FERREL

January and February we had four days that were somewhat playable, so we had 71 players out. Junior golf camp registration is this coming Saturday, the 22nd at 8 AM. The golf carts were serviced this winter, plus the two utility carts for the maintenance department and the beverage cart. Banquet wise in 2024, we hosted over 60 banquets. This January and February, we had seven banquets. Currently, we have 18 events booked after March 1. Going we did receive the

Willowbrook high school payment of \$1,688 and the York High School payment of 10,836 for their fall seasons. We received a new under the counter bar cooler. For the driving range we have a new system that's called range star that will give the ability to take credit card payment. Quick question, curious about the discrepancy of Willowbrook and York. This is based on how often they'll play. Question came up about how we are promoting golf camps. Program information was in Elmhurst Park District Camp Program Guide and provided to Village of Villa Park. Besides being in the catalogs and being on respective websites, information is on social media, especially the week leading up to registration. Email was sent out at the beginning of the year for anyone that was in our database to put it on your calendar. Cory reported the Clubhouse Supervisor position has been posted since early in January and we've gotten three candidates since then. It's posted in many locations, so we not very pleased with the response so far. Corey has been working with the Illinois PGA. A discussion was had about the possibility of having banners for when high school teams have their home matches are SCGC.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- KEVIN GOSS

December was a bit above average temperature. We had six days over 50, so we had some rounds in December, January, not too many, and February we had some we had some nice days, but usually when it was over 40, it was also raining and then we've had a few arctic polar vortexes. This is a good time of year to do continuing education and equipment work. We have done shrub pruning, and continued maintaining the course almost as usual, through most of December, we had to mow the greens a couple of times. Early December, I went to the Midwest Association of Golf Course superintendent's annual turf clinic. They surprised me with the Ray Gerber editorial Award for a magazine article I wrote. Then I gave a presentation to the Midwest Association of Park Executives about the restoration project. We have joined the Audubon International, which is an organization that offers a certification process for hotels, resorts and golf courses. You have seven areas that you must document improvements on and planning. The Creek Restoration project has made it a lot easier to to explain our environmental initiatives. There's another organization called Monarchs in the Rough which we received a grant to distribute native plant seed to golf courses. Then we did have like a couple areas of the channel right by the bridge that we didn't they didn't specify rock to in that area because theoretically it was wide enough and it shouldn't erode, but it did. So we added some rock with my leftover rock from the project along the shore there to combat the erosion. And then most of the rest of the time we've been working on, sharpening and rebuilding reels, and a lot of equipment repairs.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 12- DECEMBER 2024

Brian McDermott began by stating that this income statement is unaudited, not final. That version will not come until June. I do want to do if you just jump to the last page first, I always like to kind of look at the the main the main summary for the year. So just a reminder in the 2024, the budget that the board approved, we kind of budgeted pretty much a \$55,000 net profit actual for the year we ended up at about \$124,000 in net profit. We also are accounting for the interest on the two loans that we are paying back to the bodies that's in there. And then the year before, we had, which looks deceptive of \$543,000 net profit. and that was obviously a combination of we had all the grant money came in as revenue, but all the expenses were in we were in the year before. A question was raised about amount of money to the two bodies that were paying interest on. Do they really expect us to pay interest when we could pay it off? We're accounting for that interest, but we're not paying for those interests. Under equipment rental, we

came in slightly under budget for that item, but there's a \$45,000 difference compared to 2023, Now, that the demand is still forecasted to stay high. as we've always said, that the two the two known factors historically that I've hit here are financial recessions have significantly impacted that and in weather. We've been fortunate to have three years of probably our highest playable days, I didn't even look and see, but probably the highest playable days we could probably have, so to speak, so the those are the two factors that have historically challenged the golf course. Motion made to approve financial statement by Claire Kubiesa and a second by Greg Gola. All were in favor and motion passed unanimously.

Should have noted a note that Ken Johnson had to leave the meeting at 6:30

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Charlie Van Slyke and seconded by Claire Kubiesa. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.