

Golf Commission Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Noon
Waverly Country Club

Members Present: Abram, B. Jones, Reusche, Thorson
Members Absent: Gade
Staff Present: David, Schares, Ray
Council Present: None
Visitors Present: Stu Thorson

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Vice Chairperson B. Jones. The Commission welcomed new Commissioner Ron Reusche.

Motion: The December 19, 2017 minutes were approved.

01-18 Moved: Thorson Seconded: Abram
 Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1

Regular Business:

1. Election of officers

Motion: To elect Brent Jones as Chairperson and Sally Thorson as Vice Chairperson.

02-18 Moved: Abram Seconded: Reusche
 Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1

2. Report from Turf Grass Conference

Shares reported that he and Jones from the golf course and Cheville from the Parks attended the annual conference. He stated that the networking was almost as valuable as the educational sessions. From talking to the golf staff in Cedar Rapids, they found a local vendor that sells pond chemicals for much less. They also found that spraying earlier for certain funguses on greens provided better control than spraying later as the practice has been in the past. He reported that there are no new bugs or diseases, only a new invasive plant.

Ray commented that attending these events is beneficial to improving the process of caring for the golf course.

3. Report from the PGA Show

David reported that he found a new brand of golf balls that are very long hitting. He also is getting golf bags from an Iowa company with the logos of the local universities. He discovered our shirt vendor was going out of business so he scrambled and found a new vendor that we have utilized before. He remarked the show was so big that it is a 12 mile walk to visit all of the exhibitors in the Exhibit hall.

4. Request to establish an over age 90 season pass rate.

The Commission felt the current categories were a good value and recommends keeping the same fee schedule.

Motion: To recommend the same golf course fee schedule for 2018 golf season.

03-18

Moved: Thorson

Seconded: Abram

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

5. Budget Update

There were questions about the budget last meeting that were unanswered. Ray explained the fuel budget is dictated by a dollars per gallon amount across the city and that the gallons used have been tracked for many years. He also said that the City gets a refund on fuel taxes.

A uniforms question was asked because of the necessity of mowing in the rain and lack of good raingear. There are a number of used sets of raingear that can be used by seasonal staff. Ray will look into it for next year.

Questions were answered about irrigation of the turf nursery, pond maintenance, and the fence along 14 and 17.

Director's Report: A question was asked about the potential Casey's development adjacent to the golf course. Ray stated he has not seen a problem with the current development concept. It sounds like they will handle the runoff, keep some trees and attempt to be as unobtrusive as they can if the development happens.

Course Staff Report: No Report

Pro Report: David demonstrated the Tee Snap Point of Sale program that the Club and the Pro shop will be utilizing this year.

WAGOCO: No Report

Next Meeting: Noon, March 13, 2018 Country Club

Adjournment: 12:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray

Leisure Services Director

Commission Secretary