

Golf Commission Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 Noon
Waverly Country Club

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

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Vice Chairperson S. Thorson.

Motion: The May 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

04-18 Moved: Thorson Seconded: Abram
 Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1

Regular Business:

1. Youth Golf account funds into Leisure Services Foundation

Ray explained the Leisure Services Foundation and the Quasi Foundation. There would be two separate foundations; the regular foundation which money is donated into a fund and the Department would get the interest each year while the principal is not touched. And the "Quasi" foundation where funds for specific projects are deposited in the fund and the principal receives interest and can be withdrawn down to a balance of \$10,000 to use for the specific project. This would be a holding place for grant funds and donations received for a particular project and then when needed, withdrawn to do the project.

Staff recommends to place the Youth Golf Funds into the Quasi Foundation in order to gain interest rather than stuck in a City account.

Questions were asked by the Commission on who is in control of the Foundation funds and who decides to use the funds. The Foundation has a Board of Directors that is currently the members of the Leisure Services Commission. That commission is appointed by the Mayor. The Quasi Foundation will have accounts so that the funds for particular projects can be separated and so that the interest is divided amongst the funds.

Ray reminded the Commission that this is a Leisure Services Foundation and Leisure Services includes the golf course and pro shop.

Motion: The Commission recommends to deposit the Youth Golf funds into the Waverly Leisure Services Quasi Foundation and recommend a golf commissioner member be represented on the Foundation Board.

05-18 Moved: Thorson Seconded: Abram
 Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1

Director's Report:

Ray reviewed the financials getting toward the end of the Fiscal year. He noted several shortcomings in revenues but also said the personnel costs were coming in lower than budgeted. He thinks the subsidy will be greater than the amount of subsidy budgeted.

The other item is the amount of funds being transferred into the reserve fund is not as much as budgeted. All this is due to lack of golf being played.

Course Staff Report:

Jones mentioned weather has been tough. The humidity is slowing green speeds and promoting disease. He also mentioned the crew this year has been more difficult to get some items done. Staff has been tied up with irrigation and mowing and had little time to get the other things done like verticutting and rolling. Schares reported about the new tee on #9. It was lengthened and a block wall was installed.

Pro Report: David reported that there were 400 more rounds in May this year than last year. now they are gearing up for the Invite. There are 60 kids in the youth Golf Program and 8 kids in the PGA league. The PGA league has uniforms and will be travelling to other courses to play other teams.

Commission Report: Thorson asked about the split rail fence, Jones said they are disassembling the fence at Sally's Prairie that nobody can see and will use those parts to repair the fence along 8th Street. They will turn the road right of way into a prairie/no mow just like Sally's Prairie.

There was some discussion of the effect Prairie Links has on the public golf course. David says there is a definite affect. The Links course opened up to all public this year and had incentives for people that brought members in and play specials. David speculated that they were not making money either.

Thorson asked about geese on the course. Jones had called the DNR State Depravation officer about options of controlling geese. They said the only legal method is non-violent harassment including dogs. Ray reported they are federally protected migratory waterfowl and there are very limited control methods. The best is to round them up in the spring and euthanize them. But that takes a permit approved by the DNR Board and a lot of hoops jumped through.

WAGOCO: David still learning and not cooking.

Ray announced it was Eric Schares' last Golf Commission meeting as a golf staff member. He also asked the Commission if the agendas could be sent out electronically. They are willing to try.

Next Meeting: Noon, Thursday, July 12, 2018 Country Club

Adjournment: 1:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray

Leisure Services Director

Commission Secretary