

Golf Commission Minutes

Tuesday, Oct. 13 2020 12:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Hankner, B. Jones, Reusche, Thorson

Members Absent: Abram

Staff Present: Riordan, D. Jones, David, Miller

Council Present: Glaser

Visitors Present: None

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chairperson B. Jones.

Motion: August 11, 2020 minutes were approved.

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Moved: Thorson

Seconded: Hankner

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Regular Business:

1. Golf Commission Presentation to City Council

Thorson will present the Golf Commission update to City Council at the October 19 Council Meeting. Staff has prepared a power point presentation for the Commission to look over and suggest any changes. Thorson pointed out that the background made it hard to read when printed. It was also suggested to change the description of the driving range to learning center. The Mayor's visit and tour of the golf course should also be mentioned. Riordan will make these changes.

2. Possible Golf Maintenance Truck Upgrade

Riordan reported that Public Services is trading in 2 trucks in the near future, a 2011 Silverado and 2012 Silverado. Currently the golf course is using a 2007 Ford truck that is really showing its age. It also has many things wrong with it mechanically. Riordan is estimating that the course may be able to get one of the trucks for \$8,000 - \$10,000. The current truck would be sold to the highest bidder. D. Jones added that staff had checked with the City mechanics and they would also be able to transfer the lift from their current truck to the upgraded truck. Thorson asked what may need to be cut from the budget since this wasn't a budgeted item. Riordan said that there were other instances when vehicles or equipment became available and it made sense to upgrade. Currently the truck is scheduled to be replaced in 2025-2026, Riordan doesn't believe the current truck will last that long. B. Jones added that it makes sense to upgrade now and the Golf Course rounds and revenue is up this year.

3. Discussion of Driving Range Visit

Hankner is hoping that he and David can go to Wisconsin in the next couple of weeks. The weather has been good enough that David has been in the Pro Shop most days since our last meeting. Thorson said she had visited with former Pro Shop Manager; Greg Mason and he had given some insight on what to look for in a driving range/learning center. Thorson has also been researching the cost for a driving range and cost for continued maintenance.

Director's Report: Riordan reported that Tom Ray had stopped in his office with a suggestion of building permanent restrooms and a concession stand in the area where the porta potty is on hole #12. The club recently received a memorial donation of \$2,000 - \$3,000 and Ray feels that some of the work could be donated as well. Years ago, there was a plan to add such a facility but the idea was a 50/50 split between the club and the City. This has never happened. Commission members commented that while they would enjoy seeing permanent restrooms on the course, they feel like there are bigger priorities. The learning center should be the main focus.

Course Staff Report: D. Jones reported that greens and tees have been aerified. Vegetation Management staff helped with the process. On hole 1, as part of the 4th St. SW project the waterway from the pond has been concreted all of the way to the pond. There is an ongoing problem with the electrical line for the fountain on #1 so a new line will be bored. Staff has planted 6 trees to replace some of the trees that were removed.

Miller is planning on working on the water issues along #12 by the first of the year. Thorson mentioned that the Mayor had suggested that possibly a bioswale similar to what has been installed for the new Youth Ball Diamonds could be placed along #10 to help with problems there.

Pro Report: David reported that the fall pass started last month. Last year 28 passes were sold, this year 96 have been sold! 31 was the most we have sold in any other year. We have also set a record for daily 9-hole, weekend 18-hole, weekend special and junior season pass rounds. Currently we have sold 22,500 rounds of golf. The record is 25,200. September daily fee record was set by over 5,000 rounds. Events that have taken place since the last meeting include Pheasants Forever, Valley Lutheran, Exchange Club, and Pump Haus. Upcoming tournaments include Red Tie Open and the Chili Open. Thorson noticed recently that there is no light outside of the Pro Shop and it's pretty dark at the end of the night. May look into getting a safety light in the future.

Chairperson's Report: B. Jones thanked staff for their hard work and commented on how well the course still looks.

Communications:

No Report

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 9th (Zoom)

Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn

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Moved: Reusche

Seconded: Thorson

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Garret Riordan, Leisure Services Director