

Golf Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 12:00pm

Waverly Civic Center

Members Present: Abram, Jones, Thorson, Reusche

Members Absent: Burrell

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

Council Present: Rathe

Visitors Present: W. Gade

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Chairperson Jones.

Motion: Sept. 10, 2019 minutes were approved.

16-19

Moved: Abram

Seconded: Thorson

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Regular Business:

1. Welcome to Wes Gade – Country Club Manager

Riordan welcomed Wes Gade, Country Club Manager to the meeting. Gade has been the Country Club Manager since Oct. 3. He explained that he's trying to get caught up on everything, but so far things have been going fine. November 15 there will be a Country Club members meeting. Gade mentioned that one of Schrock's recommendations before he left was to be able to forward calls to the Pro Shop and vice versa. Gade will look into this.

2. Golf Course Fees

David presented the Commission with fee increases for the upcoming golf season. He mentioned that typically fees had been increased every 2 years but that we have not increased most fees since 2015. He presented a fee schedule that showed roughly a 3% increase for all season passes excluding the College and Junior passes. Through research that David has done this shows that the Waverly Golf Course is still a great deal compared to other courses in the Cedar Valley. Rathe asked how David had settled on the 3% increase. David said that was what it had been in the past and it seemed to work well. Reusche asked if David thought there would be any complaints for raising pass prices. David didn't believe so because the increase was equivalent to 1 extra round of golf/season.

David also presented changing the Season Cart Lease to a Season Cart Family and Season Cart single. Rathe wondered why the single fee was not ½ price. Reusche felt that David would be justified raising the family pass more. David also mentioned that Walk in Daily Fees would change to \$28. If customers sign up on line the charge will still be \$26. He hopes this encourages customers to sign up online so they can be included on weekly Emails and promotions.

Motion: Approve Golf Course Fees as presented by David.

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Moved: Reusche

Seconded: B. Jones

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

3. Annual Report

The Commission read through the Annual Report that was prepared by staff. Rathe suggested adding a "Coming Attractions" section since the fiscal year ends in the middle of the Golf Season. Let everyone know what will be happening in July, August, Sept. Rathe also felt that modest rate increases might be something to add to future annual reports.

4. Golf Commission Update to Council

The Golf Commission update to Council will be on Monday, Nov. 25. Sally Thorson will be presenting. Rathe suggested adding more photos to the slide show. Gade mentioned focusing on Jr. Golf. How many Jr. Golfers there are and how many rounds have been played by them.

Director's Report: Riordan updated the Commission on Youth Ball Diamonds. Council has voted to pursue the area North of the Soccer Complex as the location for future Youth Ball Diamonds. Council has also given the OK to pursue a Civil Engineer Firm for work on the project. Riordan along with other City Staff, Council, and Ball Diamond Task Force representatives have read proposals and will meet with 3 firms on Nov. 18. The idea is to have a firm selected and have Council vote to enter into a contract with the firm at the Dec. 16 Council Meeting.

Course Staff Report: D. Jones reported that 11 trees have now been cut down. Irrigation supply lines have been pumped out. Bridges have been stained with the help of Wartburg Students. There is currently 1 seasonal employee left at the Golf Course.

B. Jones asked if the Pond at #7 could be a priority because there is so much moss in it. B. Jones also asked about the railings on the fence along 10th Ave. and wondering when those would be put back up. D. Jones replied that they will be getting to that in the near future.

Pro Report: David reported that the course has closed. The Pro Shop will be open from 9:00 AM – Noon, Tuesday – Friday and he is expecting new merchandise in Feb. Website will be all Teesnap now. David said that Wartburg will be getting a driving range and is hopeful that an agreement can be reached where he may be able to take Jr. Golfers for practice. Riordan said he would speak with Todd Parsons from Wartburg about this.

WAGOCO:

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Noon at the Civic Center.

Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn

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Moved: Thorson

Seconded: B. Jones

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Garret Riordan, Leisure Services Director