

**Golf Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019 12:00pm**  
**Waverly Country Club**

**Members Present:** Abram, Burrell, Thorson  
**Members Absent:** Reusche, B. Jones  
**Staff Present:** Riordan, Miller, D. Jones, David,  
**Council Present:** Rathe  
**Visitors Present:** Schrack

**Summary of Formal Action:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Vice Chairperson Thorson.

Motion: July 9, 2019 minutes were approved with the correction – Ann Rathe was not present.

12-19                      Moved: Abram                      Seconded: Thorson  
                                    Yes: 3                                      No: 0                                      Absent: 2

**Regular Business:**

1. Discussion of Current and Future Issues

Thorson asked why Equipment bids were different than what the Commission had voted on at the last Commission meeting. Riordan stated that the motion had the stipulation that the Toro Greens Mower would be presented to the Council if staff could justify the time or wear and tear on staff that it could save. After further investigation by staff it was found that the low bid (Deere) Greens Mower was not as bad as previously thought. Hence, low bids were presented to Council.

Miller has 16 trees marked on the Course that need to be taken down. Scotch Pines, Ash, and 1 Maple. There are also 8 or 9 more ash in the area of hole #9 that will need to be removed. Burrell asked about the problems with the ash trees. Riordan explained about the Ash Borer. Thorson asked about a tree nursery. D. Jones commented that over the years the golf course had received trees from an older tree nursery but that no longer existed. Riordan said there is a nursery located on flood lots, but it is in the beginning stages and wouldn't help the Golf Course at this time. Rathe asked if any of the trees coming down would affect the integrity of the course. D. Jones and Miller commented that the pine on whole #11 could change playability. After the trees are down, Miller will rent a stump grinder to get rid of all of the stumps. Miller said the best time for that is in November.

Abram asked about plans for Memorial Park. Riordan said that the plan was for the City staff to meet with members of the fair board after the fair, but that it had not happened yet.

**Director's Report:** No Report

**Course Staff Report:** D. Jones announced that a muskrat had chewed through the waterline for the fountain on #4 which is why it hasn't been running. Thorson has noticed some digging by hole #7 and hole #2. D. Jones said they are working on getting rid of the muskrats but there are some DNR issues.

D. Jones talked about irrigation, in particular the irrigation heads. The plan had been to replace 4 or 5 heads/year because they are \$250/head, but they haven't really been making any progress. Staff has

purchased the "guts" of the irrigation heads and will work on fixing the current heads. D. Jones explained how the irrigation process works at the Golf Course. Recently there has been more trouble with casings cracking. Much of the irrigation is from 1993 so it is approaching 30 years old.

A comment was made about the number of ball washers on the course. Currently only about 1/3 of the course is covered.

D. Jones also mentioned that some seasonal staff would be done in about a week.

**Pro Report:** David reported that this was the best July on Record for greens fees. \$33,415.00 which is \$7,000.00 more than last year. David also mentioned that Prairie Links has developed a Stay and Play program of their own that includes the Waverly Golf Course.

Aug. 26 will mark the beginning of the Fall Pass.

Thorson asked why Ball Best Shot League got moved to Thursday (previously Wednesday). David is hoping for more participation with the opportunity for golfers to stay and watch Thursday Night Football. This Saturday will be the Peace Officers Tournament, to be followed by the Club and Men's Handicap.

David reported that he is looking at a new position for next year. The new position would have the title of cart attendant and be responsible for making sure carts were back and keys were turned in. This would most likely be for a high school student and eliminate the need to staff the Proshop after 6:30 pm.

**WAGOCO:** Schrack reported that he has turned in his resignation. Oct. 1 will be his last day. Schrack complimented the Pro Staff and Golf Course Staff and was appreciative of the job that they do.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, Noon at the WAGOCO (Course Tour)

**Adjournment:**

Motion: To Adjourn

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Moved: Abram

Seconded: Thorson

Yes: 3

No: 0

Absent: 2

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Garret Riordan

Leisure Services Director

Commission Secretary