

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2002 ~ 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Egli, Klamfoth, Murray, Van Daalen

Members Absent: Striepe

Staff Present: Ray, Snook, Iverson

Visitors Present: None

Council Present: Patsy Reed

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Communication: None

Tabled Items: None

Regular Business:

1. **Golfer Comment** – Snook reviewed his concerns about having a permanent “Golfers Comments” agenda item. Staff feels any comments should be reported immediately so action can be taken. Commissioners can report a situation to staff and the issue is addressed at a meeting so the Commission can report that it has been discussed at a meeting and resolved. Concensus was to continue with “Golfers Comments” as a regular agenda item with respect to it not becoming a monthly complaint session.

2. **Removal of Tree by #1 Tee** – Snook shared photos of the tree in question. He recommends removal to improve speed of play and playability. This tree has been a concern of women for years. Klamfoth agrees if it interferes with play.

Commission supports staff in removing the Austrian Pine. Discussion continued about if it is in the budget. Snook reported tree removal is in the budget and this contractor will delay the bill until July 1 so payment will be in the next fiscal year.

3. **Season Ticket Payment Plan** – Ray reviewed the issue. Klamfoth stated there will be many changes and we may lose golfers. Snook and Iverson feel that this is the year we need every edge to keep customers.

Motion: To continue to offer 60/40 payment plan with 60% at the time of purchase and 40% due June 1 for the 2002 season. Notice should be given to customers that this practice could end after this year.

02-07
Yes: 4

Moved: Murray
No: 0

Seconded: Klamfoth
Absent: 1

4. **Review of Parking Lot Financing and Country Club Participation** – Ray reported that the Country Club has orally committed to participating in the cost of

construction of the parking lot by forgoing a \$4,500 payment of the Pro Shop rent in the fall of 2002 and the fall of 2003 for a total of \$9,000. He also was surprised that the Club owns 31% of the parking lot. It was felt the use of the lot was heavier on the golf side than the Club side. The Commission agreed tht the offer was fair.

Motion: To recommend to City Council to amend the lease agreement to reflect the Club participation in the cost of the parking lot improvements.

02-08
Yes: 4

Moved: Egli
No: 0

Seconded: Murray
Absent: 1

Reports and Communication:

1. Chairperson's Report – Van Daalen stated red flags happen when 63% of the year has happened and some budget line items are at 88%. We need to watch our expenditures.

He has been asked why we can't open holes 1 and 2. Snook replied that the grass has no thatch to support any traffic. When when we open, golfers will be asked to stay on the cart path.

2. Superintendent's Report – A state organization will be coming in to rate the course. Tee signs are being engraved. Water and sewer line construction is complete on the south end of the course and the 10th Avenue bridge is complete. Staff is sending out bids for 1,800 feet of split rail fence along 10th Avenue.

There doesn't appear to be any winter damage. The grounds are soft. After warm and dry weather it takes staff one day to open the course.

3. Manager's Report – The Pro Shop is ready for the golf season.

Council person Reed asked about legality of Men's Handicapped event. She also was concerned about the lack of minutes on the web page. Ray said he will talk to City Attorney Carney about the golf event and agreement on the parking lot with the Club.

Next Meeting – Monday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. (Topics for beyond this season – may be as a scheduled retreat.)

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray
Director of Parks and Recreation

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