

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - Amended

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

12:00 p.m.

WAGOCO

Members Present: Lutz, Murray, Striepe, Van Daalen
Members Absent: Klamfoth
Staff Present: Ray, Snook, Iverson, Jenilee Riehle (UNI Intern)
Council Present: Ribich
Visitors Present: None

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Minutes were approved as written.

05-05 Moved: Lutz Seconded: Murray
Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1

Council Communications: None

Regular Business

1. Cart Path Priorities. Ray reviewed the cart path tally sheet and the 5 year cart path improvement plan. He asked if there was any discussion on the results. The plan would be recommended to Council to start on the 06-07 budget and be reviewed every year. Murray reported that he and Snook had spoken to the Wednesday 9 Hole League on the prospect of soliciting contributions from the golfers for the cart path improvements. They have not spoken to the 18 Hole League.

Snook said there were 4 people from the 9 Hole League that expressed interest in making contributions. Snook asked if it would be possible to borrow the money to get the cart paths all completed at once. He noted that there would be cost savings in the lack of mobilization and the economies of scale. In addition portions of the course would not be closed down during construction and the cost of maintaining the gravel paths would be reduced. Ray added that the cost of the current list of cart path improvements totals \$57,000. Fred asked if it could be borrowed from the Recreation Capital Improvement Fund. Ray stated the Parks and Recreation Commission would recommend against the use of these funds because they are currently focusing on building a ball diamond complex. A loan could be paid back over the 5 years of the plan. The final decision will be the Council's. The idea would be to request to Council to secure a loan to complete the cart paths and pay it back from the reserve funds in addition to soliciting a certain percentage of donations. Staff will get information regarding the cost savings of doing the paths all at once. Ray will talk to City Administrator Crayne on the issue.

2. Slow Play – League Information. Ray reviewed the information on slow play. The Commission felt that the information was good but was too much. They suggested that 3 or 4 of the important statements be emphasized in signs. These areas include being ready and being dropped off at their ball while the other drives to their ball, reading the green and lining up putts as soon as the players reach the green, and leaving the green quickly. They also suggested

having signs on the course at where golfers should be after playing one hour. Snook will look into costs of signs and also contact other golf course superintendents on what has worked for them.

3. On-Line Tee Time System. Ray reported the golfwaverly website is up and the on-line tee time system is operational. Ribich recommended adding information to the consumer after they have input their credit card information. He suggested that the e-mail verification include both the customer's tee time plus a note recommending the customer arrive 20 minutes before the tee time.

Reports and Communications:

Staff Report:

- Snook talked about the micronutrient program that we spray on the greens to assist in making the old and new greens consistent in their play.

Manager's Report:

- The Commission asked if we knew if anyone had arranged to have private lessons yet. JR mentioned that he had explained the system to some people and referred them to the phone number. Ray will check to see if the pros had received any requests for lessons and report on this at the next meeting.

Directors Report:

- Ray distributed the budget amendment memo and highlighted the changes in the Golf Course operations budget.
- He also mentioned a USGA Green Section article regarding speed of greens. The article emphasized that the smoothness of the greens is more important than the speed.
- Ray reviewed the financial report.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at Noon at WAGOCO.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 1:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray
Director of Parks and Recreation

