

Golf Commission Notes

Monday, May 19, 2003 ~ 5:30 p.m.

We did not have a quorum.

Review of Transferring Jurisdiction or Property to Waverly Hospital

- The Waverly Municipal Hospital has discovered that the location of the split rail fence installed by Golf Course staff did not correspond to the property lines of the golf course and hospital. This area has not been used for golf course operations and has not been maintained by golf staff on a regular basis.

Discussion of Possible Actions Regarding Legislation Cutting General Fund Revenues Received from the State

- The Iowa Senate and House have passed the property tax legislation cutting approximately \$170,000 from the General Fund operations for the City of Waverly. The Governor has yet to sign the bill and is going to call for a special session to get his Iowa Values passed and sign the property tax bill. If passed, this will go into effect on July 1, 2003.
- Director Ray noted these cuts will affect the entire General Fund. Reserves account for approximately 25% of the entire operating budget. He reviewed the proposed fees and some of the ideas for cost reductions and revenue enhancements.
- VanDaalen feels it is a poor time to increase fees. He doesn't think golfers will understand regardless of what the reasoning is and is concerned about the message that is sent to the public.
- Superintendent Snook noted citizens pay sales tax everywhere ~ Golf Course fees shouldn't be any different.
- Murray noted some may play elsewhere if fees are increased.
- Pro Shop Manager Iverson feels we need to advertise consistently.
- *This will be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday, June 10.*

Monday Summer Specials

- Staff has noted a general slowness of business on Mondays. They recommend establishing a special fee of \$20 per person for cart and 18 holes of golf. The special would be teeing off by noon. This fee would not be eligible on booked outings. The intent is to attract additional greens fee play on Mondays. This special would begin on Monday, June 2 and continue through the season.
- Murray feels more play occurs when school is out. He noted light days should be used for some general maintenance.
- Superintendent Snook noted \$6,000 in revenue could be generated if three 4-somes played every week (25 weeks).
- VanDaalen feels we need to figure out a way of promoting interest.
- Director Ray will ask absent Commissioners to respond about this item.

Communications

- Director Ray reviewed "Public Golf Courses in Central Iowa"
- Superintendent Snook reported that the drainage system is working well. He would like to submit an article to the newspaper regarding this.
- Snook hopes to receive the new fairway mowers this week.
- Snook will contact the contractor regarding the valve leak on 10th Avenue SW.
- Snook will be shopping for a used trim mower that will help with hand mowing and trimming.