

**Golf Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2005**  
**Noon**  
**Waverly Golf and Country Club**

**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 with the following amendment: strike the words “and these are the bigger contributors” at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of #1.

06-05	Moved: Lutz	Seconded: Striepe
Yes: 4	No: 0	Absent: 1

**Regular Business:**

1. Cart Path Priorities

Ray began with discussion on the Cart Path Plan. Snook reviewed the amended cart plan which would involve constructing all of the cart paths as one project rather than spread out over a period of 5 years. He noted the difference from the previous proposal was the project approved for this year will be done in the next few weeks and that would reduce the principal of the loan. In addition, the delay of starting the project until the 06-07 budget year allows the reserve fund to be able to handle payments due to the reduction of the Golf Improvement Project decrease in debt payments from \$40K/year to \$30K/year in that fiscal year. Delaying the cart path project to 06-07 will also allow buying down the loan by having a balance of funds available.

Snook distributed information to the Commission that outlined estimated costs of repairing cart paths on a yearly basis or as one project. He had spoken to an asphalt contractor regarding mobilization costs and estimate of inflation. By his figures, the cost of doing the work in one project was less than the cost of doing the work over 5 years. The major advantages of one project were to avoid the disruption of the course 5 years in a row and the satisfaction of the customers. Cart paths are a consistent concern heard by the staff.

Ray said the project will be reviewed with the Administrator and the Finance Director. He added the concept appears to be much more feasible with this approach.

The Commission would like to review the project with the City Council at the Study Session on June 27. Ray will prepare some background information and review it with the City Administrator to be placed on the agenda.

Motion: To recommend to the City Council to plan for a significant cart path project for fiscal year 06-07 and to pay for the loan through the Golf Reserve Fund balance.

07-05                      Moved: Striepe                      Seconded: Murray  
Yes: 4                      No: 0                                      Absent: 1

Ray mentioned there could be several options for the loan, a local bank, City fund balance, Recreation Capital Improvement fund, etc. Dr Murray suggested that a fundraising effort should still happen. He is willing to do a letter to league members and season ticket holders.

Ray then reviewed the difference in the proposal presented at the May meeting and the June proposal.

A. The project budgeted for this FY will be completed and would not be part of the loan balance.

B. The project would not start until FY 06-07. This is the year when the debt payment from the Golf Reserve is reduced from the current \$40,000/year to \$30,000/year and the fund will see a consistent balance.

C. The 06-07 budget will have the first part of the project included to be paid from the Golf Reserve Fund as an up front payment further reducing the loan principal.

## 2. Fairway Fertilizer

Ray reviewed the financials with the Commission. He reported that we are short in revenues but currently the expenditures are less than projected. The expenditures do not offset the shortfall in the revenues. Staff has requested to purchase fairway fertilizer for a summer application. Ray questions if this is a prudent action and has considered trying to reduce expenditure to offset the shortage in revenues.

The Commission recommends approving the purchase of the fertilizer. It is budgeted, it will improve the condition of the course and it will be used and not stored as extra.

## 3. Slow Play Review

Snook reported the he called other courses to find the effectiveness of time signs to improve pace of play. He did not find any course that used signs and received suggestions that a ranger is the most effective way to improve pace of play.

## **Reports and Communications:**

### Staff Report:

- Snook reported the drinking fountain on the south end was in and working.
- 10th Avenue water main work was done and seeded.

Manager's Report:

- Iverson distributed the data sheet

Directors Report:

-Ray reported the accident on the course where a golfer in frustration hit a broken tee holder and the point of it went into the leg of his playing partner. This resulted in an ambulance coming on the course and transportation of the individual to the hospital.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at Noon at WAGOCO.

**Adjournment:** The Commission adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray  
Director of Parks and Recreation