

Golf Commission Minutes
Tuesday, July 18, 2006
Noon
Waverly Country Club

Members Present: Lutz, Striepe, VanDaalen
Members Absent: Klamfoth, Murray
Staff Present: Snook, Ray, Jones, Miller
Council Present: Ribich, Boroom
Visitors Present: Waverly Health Center: Mike Trachta, CEO, Elly Steffen, COO, and Susan Vallem, Board Chair
Waverly Youth Golf Board Members: Becky David, Brian Johnson

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at Noon by Chairperson Van Daalen. Minutes were approved as written.

12-06 Moved: Lutz Seconded: Striepe
Yes: 3 No: 0 Absent: 2

Regular Business:

1. Youth Golf Program Presentation

Becky David of Waverly Youth Golf gave an update and history of the program. David distributed a handout on the program attendance and future needs. Their age group is 7-18 with a majority aged 10-12. They use a local pro to hold clinics to teach the game of golf. They started a mentoring program to link adult golfers with the children. They now have a website and would like to be linked to our web site. The handout listed the needs and future plans of the Youth Golf Group.

Chairperson Van Daalen appreciated the report and suggests a report on a yearly basis so the Commission can know if they can provide assistance.

2. Golf Maintenance Facility/ Hospital Expansion.

The Golf Commission met with representatives of Waverly Health Center to talk about the long and short term needs of the WHC and their relationship with the golf course. The frank discussion proved to be very productive and included the golf course and WHC future plans.

Mike Trachta, Hospital CEO, reviewed the long and short term needs of the Hospital. He talked about the growth that had occurred in the past year and the expected growth for the next year. His first priority and short term need is to obtain additional land for employee parking. He has too many employees parking on the streets around the WHC. Many questions were asked of the Roelff Clinic property, building a multi level ramp, and other options.

The hospital would consider developing the south half of the Turf Care Center block to be used as employee parking. This would involve razing the two cold storage buildings and construction of a pole building to replace the cold storage. This will allow the Turf Care Center to remain in it's location until further development is finalized. Estimates to construct a golf course storage building will need to be acquired to provide information if a decision needs to be made.

The long term needs of WHC will involve acquiring additional property. The only additional property is to the south which includes the north two holes of the golf course. To accomplish this, the Hospital would purchase and pay for the development of 2 holes on the old Droste property owned by Sandra Rada, to replace the two holes in the acquired property.

There were many questions and comments during the Commission meeting. Could the golf course remain the same if there was expansion to the north or add stories on the existing structure. Mike stated the new portion of the WHC structure was designed to add one story so they are limited to 30,000sf. Building across the street and a parking ramp is cost prohibitive. The older section built in the 50s is below standards for today's healthcare. It was mentioned that these were two "signature" holes and would be difficult to replace. It was also mentioned that an architect can recreate or design signature holes.

Ray will contact one of the Golf Course architects that worked on the project in 2000-2002 to provide a proposal to develop concept designs and basic cost estimates for two holes and the potential to relocate the Turf Care Center. With the concepts, a public input meeting of golfers and residents will be held to talk about the future of the hospital and the golf course. The goal would be for the Golf Course to be better at the conclusion of the process. The other goal is for the process to not cost the City Of Waverly anything.

Trachta showed the group the 5 acre line, 7 acre line, and 9 acre line on the aerial photograph. These could all be the final property boundary for between the golf course and Waverly Health Center.

All costs with respect to the parking lot estimates and the concept design report will be paid by the Waverly Health Center.

No decisions were made except for staff to gather additional information to bring back to the next meeting. The Commission would like to have a proposal from an architect to provide concept drawings for the next meeting.

The Hospital personnel appreciated the opportunity to get together to discuss the future of Waverly. They would request the communication lines remain open. They stated the Hospital Board meeting is the 4th Monday of the month and is an open meeting.

Motion: To recommend to staff to acquire proposals on the construction of a storage building and the concept drawings for two holes on the property west of #6.

13-06	Moved: Lutz	Seconded: Striepe
Yes: 3	No: 0	Absent: 2

3. Monthly Financial Report- Year End

Chairperson Van Daalen commended the staff in holding expenses under the budgeted amounts. He also was pleased the revenue projections were better than the reestimated figure given to City Council last fall. The total transfer of General Fund to the golf course was about \$66,000. This figure represents a \$12,000 improvement from last year.

Reports and Communications:

Staff Report:

- Snook commented on the brutal weather, he stated there are new testing requirements from the DNR for courses irrigating with effluent water. The testing is estimated at \$2,000/ year and was not budgeted. He will work on a cart policy this winter upon completion of the cart paths.

Club Communication:

- None

Chairperson's Report:

- Vice Chairperson Lutz asked about the Centennial Oaks Public Driving Range requirement for a collared shirt according to their dress code. Ray said he would find out. He also talked about the short tees for the Fair. Snook reported he is meeting with the Fair on Thursday this week.

Directors Report:

- None.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at Noon at the Country Club.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray
Director of Parks and Recreation
Commission Secretary