

Golf Commission Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 Noon
Other Place II

Members Present: Klamfoth, Lutz, Striepe (12:30), Van Daalen
Members Absent: Tyler
Staff Present: Ray, Mason, Snook
Council Present: None
Visitors Present: Stu Thorson, Country Club Liaison, Bob Wellner

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Chairperson Van Daalen.

Motion: The September 2009 minutes were approved as presented.

10-09	Moved: Klamfoth	Seconded: Lutz
Yes: 3	No: 0	Absent: 2

Regular Business:

1. Monthly Financial Review and Quarterly Report to Council

Ray reviewed the Quarterly Report to the City Council for the golf course operations. Mason suggested to add a slower trend of weekday mornings and a few less men's 9 hole league participants. As a result, there was decrease in 9 hole rounds but daily play has been constant due to the daily special.

Motion: To approve the 1st Quarter Report to the City Council as corrected.

11-09	Moved: Lutz	Seconded: Klamfoth
Yes: 3	No: 0	Absent: 2

2. Discussion of Alternative Revenue Sources.

Motion: Table items b. beer on the course and c. private carts until additional information is obtained.

12-09	Moved: Van Daalen	Second: Klamfoth
Yes: 3	No: 0	Absent: 2

Wellner asked about the thinking on private carts since that was the reason he was there. Van Daalen stated that there was a need for more information on financial impact. Basically the choices were remain the same, eliminate private carts, a system of grandfathering, and limiting the number allowed.

Discussion followed on fees for golf teams. The Commission initially did not think the tax supported public school should be charged. Mason said all the teams in Waterloo and Cedar Falls were charged. Ownership is increased when they need to pay something to play. High School used about 1,000 rounds last year. That is about \$15,000 in green fee value. Mason said the booster clubs have helped with the fees at other schools. Suggestion was made that Wartburg pay the Family Pass rate with a list of team members. Suggest High School at about the same rate. \$20 per student with 40 students on the teams is about the same as a family pass.

Klamfoth recommended waiting until the 10-11 budget process to establish team fees.

Reports and Communications:

Director Report

- The tree fund has received another donation so the total is up to \$430 for the replacement of the tree struck by lightning on #10 Fairway.
- Ray reminded that the First Quarter Report will be on the City Council Agenda for Monday October 19.

Pro Report

- No Report

Superintendent Report

- Accomplishments: cart paths on new holes, fertilized, aerified, new irrigation program installed, rough seeded, wet spot on #12, new supply pump, reinstalled split rail fence, grub control has seen results, rock under bridges, grow in proceeding nicely, removed 5 trees.
- Things left to do: pond pipe contracted, now must reshape, cart path edges, stump grinding plant Norway Spruce on #10, plant 24 trees on new holes with donated money (5 river birch, 2 white pines, 1 Concolor fir, 2 Amur maples, 14 Black Hills Spruce), #10 tee wall needs replaced, fescue on the new holes, yardage plates for new holes.
- Architect did a walk through on the project as we are getting close to the one year anniversary and sent a letter of concerns to the contractor.
- Items that cost money: pond on #16, deep tine aerator repair-split with Soccer Association, grinding stumps, tall fescue in the new fairways- multiple sprays from project fund.

Country Club Report

- No report

Wellner asked about the fuzzy grass on some of the tees. Snook said a verticutting program would take care of it but would take some labor. He noted the greens are only being cut 3 times per week in an effort to cut expenses.

Snook answered Lutz's question regarding covering the new greens as not necessary.

Van Daalen asked about supplies \$10,000 lower than last year. Staff is depleting inventory and prices are going down so there might be some savings when ordering chemicals this year.

There is no date set for closing.

Wellner asked about the rumor that the Health Center was not taking the two north holes and #1 and #2 will be taken for a road project. Ray said there was an agreement that the Health Center will take possession February 14, 2011 and he was unaware of any work being done on 4th street from Bremer Avenue to 8th Street. Ray would appreciate any effort to stop these rumors from spreading.

Van Daalen asked the staff to work on a long range tree planting plan for the golf course.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2009 at Noon at the Country Club

Adjournment: Adjournment was at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray
Leisure Services Director
Commission Secretary