

Amsterdam Golf Commission Meeting Notes 5-17-23

1. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public comments

- Ed Gumm-Concerned with the state of the golf course. He said that product isn't there as far as he is concerned. He does not feel that the clubhouse is open enough and should be open for breakfast. He wanted to know what was being done to move the clubhouse project along. He and other golfers expressed frustration that the lack of a proper clubhouse is affecting the golf experience.
- Concern about notification about meetings

3. Superintendent and maintenance report

(Click the link summary reports from January- May)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-s5Ad1VINuBAoXvVLsVnWdVpQazrlrcp/view?usp=drivesdk>

4. Golf pro report

(Click the link for report)

https://docs.google.com/file/d/1gQg0kYuVhyJpDtBguxLzGBdGJb0YbLUV/edit?usp=doclist_api&filetype=mspresentation

Memberships-Currently down some members from last year. Older members not joining as they are not playing as often. At present we have about 170 members with more coming in.

Temporary Trailer and hole #10-Situational and speculative. After the meeting with Lance in the winter about his building we decided the lower trailer would be a more convenient for golfers and more safe option.

The hole numbers have not changed

Discussion of finances: Golf course employee retirement costs are charged to the course. The bond debt is still showing on our ledger which we do not understand.

5. Old business

Cart paths-Skip, Bill, and Scott met with the mayor about cart paths. They took a ride around the course to see how bad they were. Several years ago an estimate to replace the paths is \$400K. Skip proposed working with the city to put a crusher run down for now. Mayor said-DPW in shorthand. Scott asked us to be treated like any other department with hopes that this asset management can be done by the city. The mayor is sending the city engineer to make an estimate and put it out to bid.

6. New business

Cart lease is up next year.-Formal proposal going to the mayor on Friday for lease versus purchase. 55 cart fleet to accommodate a full course. Work on possible grants perhaps for solar

lithium ion battery carts. Buying carts would give us 2 years of non payments plus \$165K or \$110K if kept for 8 years.

(Click link for cart purchase proposal)

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GPS Systems and advertising Monthly meeting schedule-source of funding is available (\$60K asbestos settlement) but we are going to wait to see if we are going to buy a new fleet in July.
Pace GPS

Still hoping to create a driving range with a picker and a small course for youth and handicapped on a limited schedule open on weekends for developmental programs.

7. Set Monthly Golf Commission meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month 4pm in the pavilion.

Adjournment 6:45pm

Next Meeting June 13th 4pm Settles Hill Pavillion

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Sherlock
Secretary