

## Golf commission meeting Agenda.

5/14/24, Time 4:00, Muni Pavilion.

Attendance: Skip, Chris, Dan, Bill, Joe, Megan, Alex, Public (2)

Call to order (Bill)-Pledge of allegiance

### **Public comments -(responses in parenthesis)**

- Joe Demars-wants to know where we stand with memberships and financials compared to last year.(We have a report with last year's numbers and next month we will have a report on this year so far to compare) Can we use group golfer? (Please consider. Joe has all the information and will look into if it is a good fit for Muni)
- Jackie Greco-questioned the Couples membership category (not having it on the website early on in the year was an oversight. It was included as a category in the common council resolution) She does not believe that it is fair.Why do couples get a discount? She also wants to know why people that own their own carts aren't paying to store them (It was explained that the structure was changed many years ago that if someone still had a private cart they could use them but are still paying the same rate as those who are using a city cart. Essentially the private cart owner is actually saving the city money every time they use their own)
- Bob Sherlock-when will bathrooms be done- Jim said they are almost done.

### **Course maintenance report (Alex)**

- Course in great shape, the roughs are long. There has been a lot of rain. One rough. Mower was down. Now is up and running. The weather has been a challenge. Fairways have been treated. The greens have been verticut. There is new sand in every bunker.
- The cart paths have many rocks and they are now getting on the grass. It is making mowing difficult. It is affecting the quality of cutting.
- Cold patch was not done. The holes on hills are very deep.
- Chemical barn-the roof still needs to be replaced. Quotes are 10-12K. The storage of our chemicals is in there. They have moved the dry products to the side that is dry in the meantime.
- Megan-who is responsible for weed whacking around the pavillion. (Brightview is responsible.)
- Brightview asked that staff not to overfill the gas in carts to leave puddles.
- The following are notes from the Brightview monthly maintenance meeting with Bill Dzierson:
  1. Discussed sinkhole near maintenance barn in lower lot, Alex, said they have neutralized the problem and no further action is required now.

2. Alex will get two more quotes on the chemical barn roof, current quote is for \$10,800, apparently rafters and beams are rotten, so more involved than it appears.
  3. discussed mowing practice area and it was determined, will mow when it dries out.
  4. We need to fix the old rough mower, Toro 4500D, major repair will be about \$2500.
  5. Have been double cutting fairways and spraying for Crabgrass and fertilizing as well.
  6. Utility cart ( deere) is in critical condition, need to replace and other necessary piece of equipment is Sand trap unit. Will have to budget for this.
  7. Alex mentioned we will begin refilling sand traps, he will purchase USGA grade bunker sand and will begin working on bunkers when dry enough.
  8. We will be rebuilding tee box on women's/seniors hole #1 in the near future. Will have to play from temporary tees for a while. Will be redoing hole#6 as well.
  9. Brightview has filled in the sinkhole on hole#9, still need attention to hill on #9.
  10. Preliminary budget thus far:  
Maintenance budget:  $\$17,500 - \$3500 = \$14,000$  balance.  
Irrigation budget:  $\$3,500 + \$350(\text{tractor}) = \$3,850 - \$75.00 = \$3,775$
  11. Monthly report to be presented next week.
- Submitted by  
Bill

### **Concessionaire report ( Megan)**

- Megan reviewed her hours of operation. She feels that being open 14 hours is unreasonable. She said it takes more staff to run the kitchen in the pavilion. If folks want a cocktail the trailer staff can come inside the pavilion.
- Once the season gets going she plans to open the pavilion more. Chris asked when leagues are going out? Megan is being made aware so she can cover that. 3 nights there are leagues.
- Presently they are not running the beverage cart. Skip said the beverage cart is broken (that is on a lease).

### **Golf Pro Report (Joe)**

- Joe had had many compliments on the course condition.  
Sales Revenue Comparison 23/24 to date-  
Link to report [2023 Muni Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Pass holder/membership analysis so far this year:

5 Unlimited couples

4 Staff/Employee

34 Unlimited (24 were Senior 62+ last year, 5 Super Senior last year, 1 23-29)

104 Preferred Customers

\$500 Preferred Members paying the \$20 each time they play: some are putting money on their account, some people have put their card on their account, some have handed \$20 or paying each time.

\$99 cards sold was approximately 20.

- Group Golfer's response to Joe Demars question in public comment-negative is that the code needs to be used appropriately. People try to scam they system and use the pass more than once or create multiple accounts. Joe said if we did it we would need to be vigilant on checking them being valid. Another negative is giving away \$17 per round to Golf Gopher is something that we would need to look at. Is there a way to run a special without giving that away. Joe is aware of the program and will visit it and present it to the commission.
- PGA hope-6 week program that works with veterans on all aspects of golf. Free to the Veterans, a way to give back. Starting May29, Wednesday for 6 weeks. Joe is going to promote PGA Hope to fill the 6 open spots
- Junior program- 10 kids per week for 3 weeks. \$10 per kids. Kids are having fun. Joe feels that every kid should be able to participate. PGA Junior League (which is a national program is being offered and sign ups are being taken)
- Clinic-Scott provides junior equipment. Joe will go to summer rec.
- Light by the cart barn needs to be fixed
- Do we have any security at this building? Meagan said nothing is really secure. No way to lock certain areas. Meagan is going on good faith. Skip-buy blink cameras. Skips use an expense account. Jim perhaps we can use a park camera.
- Porta potty has to be ordered for 5.
- ATM- can we get one on the property-ask Ed Nevulis
- Joe- we need spike cleaners for the pavilion.
- Course map? Jim said there is one at city map. Alex can provide to Joe.
- Joe-signage is needed on the course.
- City Championship-is the same weekend as Miracle Ear. Can we move it? Aeration is the 3rd week of August. Aug. 10-11 is a possibility?
- Bill-can there be a calendar for events both online and posted. Let's get the big board.

#### **Old business**

- Cart path update-Jim M. The paths are deplorable. Will ask for a work order to take care of the paths.

- Practice range update-We need Mike Clark to pour the pads. They measured last Friday. Ball dispenser, washer, picker mats, all there. Alex will power it on the range.
- GPS update-Jim didn't think that it was necessary. He would like a presentation. There needs to be a presentation. Joe-con is the price tag. Pros- we can monitor where carts are. Pace of play. Where is the money coming from? Skip the money was supposed to come from the asbestos funds. Jim would like a presentation to the board.
- Golf Carts-20 New carts are ordered, 40 will be ordered after the lease is up.

#### **New business**

- Golf Budget-\$230 K will be transferred to the golf budget. Golf Cart purchases, Brightview contract is increased
- Clubhouse update-3 options were presented. The 4th version was born from listening to feedback. 3 season or 4 season is yet to be decided. 1.56 million was passed to build a 3 season building that we hope can be 4 season after give and take. HVAC and full kitchen. Plans ready July 1. Bid 20 days and then start construction. 2025 opening. Unanimous vote by the Common Council. Bonded \$1 million, 300K restore NY Grant, \$250K from another source. We have 1.5 million in hand. If we need more we will need to bond or use other avenues. Jim Martuscello believes that this can be a premier site. Skip wants to know where the \$69K asbestos insurance check is? Skip said this is to be used for GPS. Can we get an advance to buy the GPS. Skip thinks it is crucial for pace of play and keeping people where they need to be on the course. Jim will look into it.
- Marketing program for 2024-We need a plan-capital region magazine. Meg will share her ad space. Bill would like to see collaboration on promotion.Saratoga county is pricing themselves out so this is something we need to tap.

Adjourned 6:15 pm

Next Meeting 6/11 4pm Muni Pavillon