

Golf commission notes meeting 9/10

Present: Skip, Scott, Dan, Joe, Bill, guest Jim and Chris. Absent Chris Sherlock
Meeting was opened at the Pavilion at 4:00 with the Pledge of allegiance.

1. Public comments:

2. Greg palzak- do we know how we stand year to date regarding revenue, we were informed it will be addressed in the Pro report.

3. Maintenance report-practice range not done. Shed to be moved to range now. Trench for electrical to be Completed by 9/17.

4. Maintenance barn roof which is in dire need of replacement, will be completed by 9/17.

5. Aldermen Martusello, asked about the last tournament and how it turned out, Joe said terrific, received many compliments about the course and the handling of the catering.

6. pro-report- Joe read a letter which will be sent to the owners of abandoned golf carts requesting they contact Joe to resolve the handling of their abandoned or unauthorized golf carts .

7. Discussed- preferred customer program and will offer new customers the ability to purchase the preferred customer program for \$500 and be able to play for the remainder of this year and through next year.

8. Scott, explained our overall financial position and gave an estimated comparison showing a projected increase in revenue, this year of about \$40,000 year to date.

9. Alderman, discussed responsibilities to the course and to the public on expenses, discussed the bonding issue and how payment methods work.

10. Scott provided a spread sheet comparing Muni's rates to other courses both locally and in the capital district. Muni is very competitive and in many cases lower than our competition. A Discussion regarding increasing prices was opened among commissioners and Alderman. Scott explained the necessity for a modest increase to cover operating expenses (gas for carts, labor increases, utilities etc). By the end of the explanation and presentation all saw the necessity for a modest increase. The two Aldermen are going to review the pricing with the mayor and subsequently with the common Council. All commission members present were in favor of the pricing increase as outlined .

11. Discussed the maintenance equipment and the necessity for replacement of several pieces of equipment which are far beyond their intended life cycle . Replacement on a priority schedule would be more advantageous than replacing the equipment when it breaks. Brightview has provided both a list of the equipment which needs to be replaced as well as a priority list of pieces to be ordered.

12. Discussion regarding the demonstration of the Autonomous mowers was brought up and more information is needed for a full presentation. The mowers have the ability to cut without supervision once geofencing is set up and will recharge themselves when power is low and then return to cutting as programmed. There are obvious advantages to having unmanned units cutting the fairways.

13. Joe made a brief presentation of the FairwayIQ geofencing program. This system would protect our course from random abuses like driving carts in unauthorized areas, causing damage to greens, bunkers and the carts themselves. The system would monitor each cart and its position on the course and would relay information on rate of play to the office. This system would negate the necessity for a ranger. The total cost to outfit all carts with the system is approximately \$10,200 per year. The two Alderman and commissioners present were in favor of the FairwayIQ system.

14. Skip asked alderman Chris to check into the possibility of a grant through the city's grant writing program for the electric autonomous mowers .

15. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45

Respectfully submitted

William Dzierson