

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course  
Advisory Board  
July Zoom Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Louise McColl, Fred Kumpel, Steve Bridges, David Donovan, Matt Smith, Charles Woodall, Brian Mull

**June Minutes:** Louise motioned, Fred seconded

**Pro's Report:** Muni wrapped FY 2020 with \$182,950 in revenue bringing the total to \$1.664 million for the FY, which is approximately 150K higher than FY 19. Matt Smith won the Gary Shell Service Award for his excellent work maintaining the golf course. The combination of 10-minute intervals between tee times and the 10th tee start has helped pace of play and David said he was in favor of maintaining the interval after the COVID-19 policies have been relaxed.

**Superintendent's Report:** Filling in weak spots in fairways, the Bermuda is 3-4 weeks behind because of cool temperatures in June (no highs in 90s). Planning to apply granular fertilizer at the end of July. Will sod necessary areas in early August in preparation for the City Amateur. Holes 9, 15 and 17 have the weakest fairways and will require the most sod. Matt said the greens rolled in excess of 11 on the Stimpmeter for the Senior City Am and keeping them around 10 for regular play, day-to-day, is his goal. Mowing every day and rolling three times a week. New trees are doing well. Limbed the trees around the power lines. Planned to drill & fill one acre of the wet greens during aerification, which costs roughly \$10,000. There are areas on 15 of the 18 greens - all but 13, 16, 18 (and putting green) that have standing water at times and need the drill & fill. Reflectors for the 18 flagsticks would cost approximately \$800 and David and Matt said they'd look in to acquiring these.

**Renovation Committee** - Plans to meet with John Sawyer and Amy Beatty before the August meeting.

**Budget Committee** - City Council had no response to the letter the Advisory Board drafted regarding the rate study.

**New Business** - Pace of play has been a problem in the City Amateur in recent years with multiple groups (as many as four or five) backlogged on certain tees (specifically No. 2 and No. 16). David plans to use a 1-tee start and 10-minute intervals to alleviate this issue, which has deterred some from competing in the championship.

Brian motioned to close and Fred seconded.