

Muni Advisory Board September, 2020 meeting

Attendance: Louise, Gina, Amy, Charles, Fred, Matt, Brian, David, Joe, Tony

August Minutes: Fred approved, Gina seconded

Pro's Report: Revenue was \$156K for August including \$15,705 in pro shop sales. Returning to two riders per cart, if riders agree. Returning to regular cups / flagsticks. Amy led discussion on the need to balance the needs of regular Muni golfers and others. We are losing revenue by remaining with 10-minute intervals, but pace of play has improved. Amy wants the board to consider 9-minute intervals. Louise made a motion that Steve, Brian, David and Amy should meet and discuss the tee time scenario going forward. Gina seconded and motion passed.

Charles mentioned that the carts should be clean when sent out on the course, in particular the floorboards.

Superintendent's Report: Greens have been inconsistent speed-wise this year due to mutations in the mini-verde grass which is an issue other area superintendents have encountered with the hybrid ultradwarf grasses on their greens. Crew is applying sand to the greens every week. Pink muhly grass, donated by Friends of Muni, has been planted in sandy areas, upgrading course aesthetics. New pump station and irrigation software are immediate needs and will need to be purchased out of the fund balance. Matt doesn't plan to overseed the tee boxes.

Renovation Committee: Project is scheduled to begin in October. The contract has not been executed because the contractor's insurance wasn't finalized. The First Tee sent lease agreement and will pay for trailer for nine months (\$17,500).

City of Wilmington: Sirius has been hired to execute the rate study to craft plan for future rate increases at Muni. First Tee requested a waiver on the \$26,000 it owes the Muni and the City will likely grant the waiver due to COVID-19. First Tee paid for improvements to the firehouse, where they are conducting classes. Firehouse will be used by Matt's staff after clubhouse renovation is completed.

Unfinished Business: Steve pointed out that Matt's award from the city was well-deserved and he and his staff deserved any credit.

New Business: Mike from MGA said their two weekend groups have had trouble securing enough tee times for the large number of players they have on the weekend (roughly 60 or 15 foursomes on Saturday and 50 players on Sunday). Made the point that the MGA plays 52 weeks per year.

There's been an issue with carts breaking down and David is considering increasing the number of carts to 72 when the new lease is signed this winter.

Matt will put target sticks on the practice putting green.

Matt and his staff will clean the trash around the maintenance area.

Brian motioned to close the meeting. Tony seconded.