

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course Meeting Minutes

4/12/21

Call the meeting to order 5:05pm

First order of business:

CGA review of the course – Bill Anderson

Bill's Recommendations:

Don't cut corners on renovations. They will eventually rear their heads and cause maintenance challenges in the future.

Bill is not a fan of partial cart paths. Bill recommended holding off investing any additional funds in cart paths. Wait until the infrastructure changes are implemented before building new cart paths

Bill made several comments about the greens that were built. According to Bill, we took some shortcuts and did not build the greens according to USGA specs. In addition, we used old soil. He recommended building egress points into the traps to allow equipment to enter without impacting the traps. Bill highlighted drainage issues throughout the course.

Fred brought up concerns about the greens that were built with the remodel. Why did we use old soil instead of new soil? This was likely due to funding. The plan is to recommend USGA greens with the next renovation.

Welcome our new member Fred Davis.

Did not go over the Secretary's report

Reserve Study: NO UPDATE

Renovations Committee – Patio is finished. New windows are installed. Sub-floor is being repaired. New electrical panel installed. HVAC in the basement is being installed. Really good progress. August 19th.

Question came up about paint. Louise said it was not planned to paint the entire building. Just touch up. The board feels the entire clubhouse needs a fresh coat of paint.

Matt has two companies coming onsite to look at the new tees. It appears we need to possibly invest in new soil for these new tees. The existing soil is not ideal for long term. Amy is onboard with using 90k from the fund balance for the tees.

Dean – no update on the maintenance committee.

Tony – no Marketing update

Friends of Muni - June 12th – Father-Son event. Membership drive. 30 trees were provided by the Friends of Muni. Fred is making new tee markers. Trying to decide on the logo for the tee markers. Matt had some suggestions on stickers for the logo.

David relayed some information – council decided not to replenish 26k from last year's maintenance fund. Pine Grove road – the city is under resourced and does not have resources to focus on plans to change or construct solutions for crossing Pine Grove Road.

Rate study – what should the muni be, a profit center or amenity center. David wants to wait for us to get into the new clubhouse before soliciting public feedback. Can we have sufficient feedback from the public before November. Fred and some of the board members have concerns with asking the public for this feedback. David said he has consulted on other courses specifically other Munis and they are sticking with an Amenity. There appears to be a perception by the city members that we are making tons of money. The concern is several city members don't play golf therefore they don't appreciate the need for improvements on the course. Louise recommends dealing with City Council alone and leaving others out of the discussion. There is a lot of confusion on what the pros/cons are of being a profit center or amenity center. We need more clarity on this.

We had a great March per David D. 75k more revenue compared to last year. We are 300k over the previous 2 years.