

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course  
Advisory Board  
August, 2021 meeting

Attendance: Gina, Steve, Louise, Dean, Joe, Craig, Brian, David, Matt, Amy, Mike

Motion to approve July minutes: Gina

Seconded: Dean

Abstained: Louise

Clubhouse Renovation Committee - New expected date for completion of clubhouse is Nov. 1st. Time added due to the age of the building. ATD has not submitted an official request for extension. The city has requested an extension be submitted. Three of the four sides of the building will need to be painted once the project is completed. November is a good month for planting and addressing landscaping.

Greens Committee - Brian discussed the importance of being transparent with the public, specifically the core group of golfers who view the Muni as one of their primary golfers. It's important to debunk misconceptions regarding the course's fiscal situation and communicate to the golfers / public the immense, costly infrastructure projects that must be addressed in the immediate future.

Marketing Committee - Plans to submit a survey to the public following the renovation.

City of Wilmington - Met with traffic and engineering to discuss immediate temporary improvements to the Pine Grove Road crossing situation. Consolidating - from four crossing spots to two - sits atop the list. Water table may not allow the possibility of a tunnel. At the least signage and crossing consolidation will be implemented in upcoming months. There are 196,000 crossings annually by golfers. City has been counting the traffic.

Pro's Report - Aerated the course July 13-15. There are 70 active golf carts in the new fleet. There are no plans for a beverage cart but Amy is in support and wants to analyze.

Superintendent's Report - Ball is sitting up better after the fairways were verticut. The mutations on the greens after aerification were common throughout Southeastern N.C. on ultradwarf Bermuda.

Army worms were eating the rough but they've been sprayed.

New pump station is working great, can pump more water in smaller windows, offer a 30 percent power savings. Has the capability to put 750 gallons a minute.

Tee box renovation should take place in September / October.

City removed 10 dead trees and they will be cleaned up soon.

MGA: The MGA donated \$3,000 toward bunker replenishment. There are 375 members and the club championship is scheduled for September.

Motion to close: Gina

Seconded: Joe