

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course
Advisory Board
December 2021 Meeting

Attendance:

Steve Bridges, Tony Upchurch, David Donovan, Matt Smith, Jeff Darby, Freddy Dunn, Louise McColl, Gina DiCicco, Joseph Anthony, Richard King, Tammy Skinner, Amy Beatty, Mike Eamma

Motion to approve the Secretary's November minutes:

First: Richard

Second: Jeff

Call to order at 5:00pm

Amy provided an update on the clubhouse opening. Steve sent an email to the City regarding the CO for the clubhouse and the delay due to an improper parking median. The board did not agree with this decision from the City to delay moving into the clubhouse due to the width of the median not meeting code. According to Amy, the goal is to move in before January.

Clubhouse Renovation Committee

The board wanted to know the expected day for occupancy to move into the Clubhouse. David said he had a POS and phone system ready to support the new clubhouse. The anticipated pickup for the trailer is January. Steve wanted to know if we were having the January board meeting in January. Per David, that is the plan. The grand opening is January/February. Furniture is going to take a while. Furniture and fixtures were not included in the budget. Golf operating budget will have to pay for furniture and fixtures. There has been a significant number of change orders. The consultant did not include certain costs including operating expenses in the budget. IT needs were not included in the budget. Amy would like to have seen a better analysis by the Consultant on the overall clubhouse. The age of the building, windows, columns, wood rot, paint etc. should have been part of the Consultants overall assessment. Per Amy, there were some lessons learned from this project. We put a significant dent into our contingency budget for change orders. When the contract was awarded to ATD \$136,000 was awarded for everything. Steve and other board members remember a prior board discussion from Amy committing 50k from two different fund sources for furniture. Amy asked us to go back to the prior meetings minutes for clarification. Louis wants to make sure all Committee members have input on the furniture selection. Steve asked about the bar and trophy case that were included in the committee's proposal. There are 4 different spots on the clubhouse that need painting. The MGA reached out to one of their members who may be interested in the painting job. The board wanted an update on the outstanding roof work that is being handled by the City.

Budget Committee

Jeana asked Matt and David to prioritize the big items that need addressed:

1. Underground Sprinkler System
2. Drainage: Greens
3. Cart Barn
4. Fairway drainage
5. Sprigging or Sodding
6. Cart Paths
7. Dredge Pond
8. Parking lot – liquid seal and stripping. Amy wants to see if the City will spray and stripe. Amy will follow up with the City.

Everyone was in favor of removing the tunnel idea under Pine Grove Road. The recommendation is to move forward with a short-term solution crossing. Per Amy, the study for this project will be paid by the City.

Amy recommended we continue this discussion at the January Meeting. The board voted to remove the master plan.

Discussion of the rate increase came up. The Board is in favor of an increase. The consensus is to raise green fees. City Council had their first budget retreat. Salary adjustments are at the top of the list. This year's budget will have a significant increase in salaries. The plan is to raise property taxes to cover these salary increases.

Greens/Grounds Committee

Per Jeff Darby we need to consider improvements to implement behind 18 green. Matt is going to acquire mulch from the City and improve certain areas around the course. Per Matt, pruning is planned around the course this Winter to eliminate dead tree and branches.

Marketing Committee

Survey is forthcoming after the grand opening.

Friends of Muni

Per Louise, Friends of Muni will discuss their areas of focus/investment in January. Another Glow Golf event is planned before Daylight Savings. Louis would like to see the membership increase. Freddy inquired about corporate memberships and sponsors to raise additional money. There was a lot of discussion around possible donations.

Pro's Report

November was a good month. We are 7k over last year's total revenue YTD. Pro shop sales and food/beverage have decreased as a result of relocating out of the trailer and into the new clubhouse.

Golf Course Update

Matt suggested we look at the golf course update and inquire as needed. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the only days open for new gold tees. Gold tees will open permanently in the Spring. The existing red tees will receive sod as needed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss

New Business

Steve and Gina will be rolling off the board in 2022. There is a chance that Louis will roll off the board. Elections will need to take place in January. Gina suggested Steve stay on until October to allow time to vote a new chair and transition the new chair.

MGA

Mike provided an update on the new TVs that were provided by the MGA. TVs will have a 2-year warranty. Louis wanted to know a status on the flagpole. Mike and the MGA feel the cart fees are too cheap. They would like to see an increase. Matt recognized the donation for the new bunker sand provided by the MGA. MGA will expand membership to women. The MGA will have a name change in 2022. The new name will be changed to the Wilmington Golf Association. Tournaments will expand to women.

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:10pm.