

Wilmington Muni Advisory Board
Feb. 8, 2021 Minutes

Attendance: David, Louise, Steve, Gina, Tammy, Fred, Amy, Tony, Dean, Mike Eamma, Charles

January Minutes: Fred motioned to approve, Charles seconded, board approved.

City Report: Consultant to address City Council at March 4th meeting. Amy's recommendation is council needs to prioritize whether the golf course is a profit center or an amenity. There's currently not a mission statement for the golf course. There have been no revenue studies in the past that differentiate long term needs for the course's maintenance.

Board is concerned there is no money reserved for expensive, high end, once every 30 years infrastructure projects. Under the current model, with excessive payment to the city's general fund, it's extremely difficult for the course to deposit enough money in the reserve fund to cover such hefty expenses.

Amy is not going to defend the money that goes into the general fund.

Matt has done a thorough study and longrange plan that covers the necessary upcoming infrastructure replacements and improvements. Total upcoming costs is approximately \$3.5 million for all repairs and improvements (including a crosswalk or tunnel at Pine Grove Road).

With clubhouse renovation, Amy recommends a Food & Beverage Operations Supervisor so the responsibility doesn't fall on David.

Council waived the money First Tee owed to Muni from two quarters last year. First Tee is now up to date. Brian made a motion and Tony seconded that the Board should notify City Council that those missing funds should come from the City's general fund and not the golf course. Gina, Dean, Louise, Steve, Fred, Tony, Louise and Brian voted in favor. None opposed.

Renovation Committee - Construction has started in the existing clubhouse. Pro shop has moved to a trailer. Estimated completion date is Aug. 2021 with 90 additional days, if necessary.

Superintendent's Report - Matt recommended an architect, perhaps John Fought who handled the 2014 greens renovation, should devise a master plan that covers all potential renovations to the golf course in upcoming years - tee boxes, fairways reseeded, irrigation. The best way to tackle such an extensive project will likely be in consecutive years, closing nine holes each year, to ensure the revenue stream continues. Tee boxes will be improved / enlarged once staff receives confirmation from the City.

Unfinished Business - New golf carts are expected in mid-March now. The roof on the cart barn is in poor condition.

New Business - Current board member Donald Sneed has not attended a meeting or contacted the board in the last 18 months. Steve sent a letter to Penny Spicer of the City informing her of his absences. It's possible Donald will be replaced.

Fred made a motion to adjourn, Charles seconded, board approved.