



Wilmington Golf Course – Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021

6:00pm Meeting

- Meeting started at 5:00pm
- Attendance: Steve Bridges, Tony Upchurch, David Donovan, Matt Smith, Jeff Darby, Freddy Dunn, Charles Woodall, Louise McColl, Gina DiCicco, Joseph Anthony, Richard King, Tammy Skinner
- Steve requested a volunteer for the Secretary role. Tony Upchurch volunteered
- **Furniture Committee:**
 - Gina, Steve and Louise have been working with vendors on the furniture for the clubhouse. Talked to 3 vendors, FSI Office, Leisure World and one other.
 - Proposal was presented from Leisure World. Louise went over a rendering of the clubhouse.
 - Pro shop needs two stools.
 - A total of 5 TVs will be installed. David has one TV and the MGA is providing 2 TVs. Need two additional TVs. David will coordinate the same model TVs with the MGA. Size of TVs outside will be limited considering space on the wall.
 - Mike Burns is providing covers for the TVs outside.
 - Multipurpose room will have tables, chairs, armchairs, and bar chairs. The room will be filled with furniture.
 - Louise is trying to locate a sponsor for a microwave and refrigerator/freezer.
 - Table and chairs will be provided outside with umbrella. 8 trash cans need to be purchased.
 - Louise wants a display case to put in the common room for trophies.
 - Need a bar for the all-purpose room that seats 8. Would like to have an electric fireplace.
 - Need cameras installed. Will the city provide cameras?
 - The carpet is loud therefore we need to pick a furniture color that coordinates with the carpet.

Total proposal from Leisure World is \$39,000 - proposal includes delivery and setup.

- Questions regarding price to reserve space for the clubhouse were asked. Pricing will be determined by City Counsel.

Louise wanted to make a motion to approve the Leisure World proposal. Motion was approved.

- **Renovation Committee Report:**

- Steve wants Louise to speak on behalf of the board for the Grand Opening. The Board made a motion to approve.
- According to David, the walk-through is not close to ready. November 2nd was the original planned ready date for the clubhouse. Richard wanted to know if there were any penalties for not having the clubhouse ready on the November 2nd date. Per David, there are no penalties for not meeting the deadline.
- We need 20 additional blinds - two different sizes.
- There are roofing issues that are not covered by ATD. Christine Simms – City of Wilmington is owning this issue and Richard asked David to follow up with Christine to expedite completion of this project.
- There are portions of the clubhouse that are not getting painted. It's not in scope from the contractor to complete this work. The MGA and David will research some solutions for paint and repair.

- **Budget Committee:**

- There were no questions about the reserve study. Next step is to present to City Counsel. Steve requested a motion to move forward with the study. The motion was approved.
- Fred, Gina, David and Matt all were recognized for their work on this project.
- There are concerns over the liability of the course crossing at Pine Grove Road. There been a lot of close calls.
- Gina wants to hold off on the cart path improvements until a decision is made on the irrigation repairs.

- **Grounds Committee:**
 - Charles asked questions about the joint effort with Shape Masters and the City.
 - Charles would like to see some nice landscaping put behind 18th green and pine straw behind number 9 green. He feels 18 is a focal point and it could be a nice accent for the course. Currently, Matt does not have the funds to support Charles's suggestion. If there's money left over from the clubhouse, we could revisit this idea. Charles is going to get a price list for his idea.
 - Steve asked for a volunteer to help Charles. Jeff Darby offered to help with the Grounds committee. Steve wants the maintenance committee and Grounds committee combined. Both guys agreed to cover both committees.
- **Marketing Committee:**
 - No update
 - Amy will be sending out a survey after the grand opening.
- **Friends of Muni:**
 - Two planned events. Glow Golf is sold out. There is a raffle for a Yeti Cooler filled with beverages and a Scotty Cameron putter. Tickets are \$20 each.
 - Freddy would like to know more about future opportunities to open the option of additional donations
- **Golf Pro's Report:**
 - \$1,145,000.00 is the total cost spent to date for the clubhouse. The bond was \$1,000,000.
 - \$29,000 in irrigation repairs completed by Shape Masters will be paid out of the contingency fund
 - Work on the budget is due January 31st. 1st draft is due second week of January.
 - The 1st Tee has outstanding payments from 2020 however they've paid two payments this fiscal year and are current YTD.
 - \$703,629.00 YTD sales.
 - \$21,000 ahead of FY20 sales.
 - On pace to have \$380,000 in the Enterprise Fund
 - There was a recommendation to increase green fees and carts fees \$1 to cover Matt's \$80,000 FY22 budget increase
 - No questions on the Revenue Report
- **Superintendent's Report:**
 - Matt is going to ask for an \$80,000 increase in the FY22 budget to cover an increase in costs to maintain the course.
 - Matt is considering opening the new Gold Tees in November however he will keep an eye on the tee boxes to assess readiness. They will be opened on a limited basis depending on the turf progress.
 - Freddy recommended we eliminate using the Par 3s until next Spring giving the damage that is typically done to par 3 holes.
 - Need to mark off new tee boxes during Glow Golf to keep players from damaging the tees.

- **MGA:**
 - MGA will meet in November to discuss new sand for the traps and TVs.
 - Men's Club Championship is scheduled for November.

- **City of Wilmington Report:**
 - Nothing to report

- Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm