

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course
Advisory Board
January 18, 2022 Meeting

Attendance:

Steve Bridges, David Donovan, Matt Smith, Jeff Darby, Freddy Dunn, Louise McColl, Gina DiCicco, Joseph Anthony, Richard King, Tammy Skinner

Call to order at 5:03pm

Nomination of new officers:

Motion for Steve Bridges to continue as Chairman until his term expires in October 2022.

First: Richard

Second: Freddy

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Motion for Tony Upchurch to continue as Chairman until his term expires in October 2022.

First: Lousie

Second: Freddy

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Motion to table election of Vice Chairman until the February 2022 meeting.

First: Lousie

Second: Gina

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Motion to approve the Secretary's November minutes:

First: Richard

Second: Jeff

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Clubhouse Renovation Committee

The board discussed the situation with the carpet in the main Pro Shop area. Dave stated that the carpet will be replaced with vinyl planks. Charles had concerns that the planks will not work because of the old subfloor. Dave will contact the contractor to get his input on the subfloor. Lousie said that she has contacted an interior designer to participate in selection of the furniture for the club house and that we

should wait until they meet to determine the outcome of the flooring. Committee agreed without a vote.

Reserve Study

Steve sent an email to City Council outlining the Sirius Rate Study and that the green fee rates need to be increase. Waiting to hear back from City Council.

Budget Committee

A subcommittee was established at the December 2021 meeting to meet with staff and discuss the ideas of a rate increase. Rates have not increased for 3 years. The subcommittee (Jeff Darby, Freddy Dunn and Richard King) met with David on January 4th at 3:00pm. Freddy stated that a \$2.00 across the board was what came from the subcommittee. The rate increase is needed to cover the increasing staff and maintenance costs. The advisory committee discussed the ideas of:

City senior punch card

Weekday riding punch card

Increase in the cart fee. A noncity riding card fee was added to the fee schedule

Increasing the rates to \$45/round was discussed to match other courses

Increasing pull cart fees

After a lengthy discussion Lousie called the question.

Motion to recommend a \$2.00 across the board rate increase in green fees

First: Lousie

Second: Gina

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Greens/Grounds Committee

Per Charles the trees around the club house need to be relocated because they will become too large for the site. Committee recommends that Crape Myrtles be planted around the club house. Staff contacted Aaron Reece, City Arborist to look at the trees. Also, recommendation was an information card be installed in the cart giving players information on golf etiquette to include keeping all 4 tires on the cart path around tee boxes and greens. Committee had a list of other improvements that was not voted on by the committee. See list for details.

Marketing Committee

No report

Friends of Muni (FOM)

Per Louise, Friends of Muni:

1- Tee Makers are nearly completed and should be installed soon

2- Will donate a trophy case for the club house

3- Contracted with a landscape designer for hole #18 in hopes this will become the courses signature hole. After installation FOM will pay for the maintenance for a year. Beyond the first year the maintenance will be the responsibility of the Muni staff.

Lousie directed committee to visit the FOM website for dates and times of upcoming events. Per the FOM website:

FOM Golf Tournament July 29th 2:00pm

Spring Glow Golf March 4th

Fall Glow Golf November 11th

Pro's Report

December was a good month. Pro shop sales have increased since moving into the new Pro Shop. See Pro's Report for details.

Golf Course Update

Matt committed that because of December warmer weather the grass has continued to grow, and the new gold tee boxes have a root system up to 8". He sees no concerns for them to be used. This will take some pressure from the red tee boxes that are starting to show some wear and tear. See Maintenance Report for more detailed information.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to discuss

New Business

Request that the Golf Course Advisory Committee be informed when things happen at the golf course.

MGA

No Report

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:16pm.