

Wilmington Golf Course Advisory Board

February 13, 2023

Start 5:00

Attendance: Jeff Darby, Steve Bridges, David Donovan, Tony Upchurch, Richard King, Chris Dean, Louise McColl, Matt Smith, Amy Beatty, Charles Woodall

Secretary's Report: Tony Upchurch and Steve Bridges approved the minutes

Committee Updates

Renovations Committee:

- Looking for glass to cover the new tables in the main clubhouse.

Friends of Muni:

- Almost finished with the steps on hole 10. Total cost was approximately 10k. Trophy case will arrive in a few weeks. Currently in the planning phases for the next set of projects inside and outside. Glow golf is March 10.

Budget Committee:

- 1ST meeting with the budget office staff. Next meeting with the City Manager. All requests to increase the operating budget were approved up to this point. This does not mean the requests will make it into the final round. The keys things that were requested: Fiscal Support Specialist position, requested to replace the two computers behind the counter, remainder of requests were a result of doing business i.e. food & beverage, printing, fertilizer, fuel, etc. 80-90% of budget items will be covered by the \$2 rate increase and the remainder will be covered by the additional expected revenue. The consultant did not finish the report

Grounds Committee:

- Azaleas will be donated by the garden club. Matt is going to do a video of the course with Marian showing the recent improvements. David is going to Lowes to acquire umbrellas. Dead tree came up again at this meeting. We have a lot of dead trees including the one behind 13 tee box. Richard recommended we talk to several private companies to give us some estimates to remove dead trees.

Marketing Committee:

- New drone footage (May/June) will be uploaded to website, monthly video update from Matt and David with changes and progress of the course, upcoming tournaments posted at course and on website, updates on key projects

City Update:

- City Counsel had their most recent budget work session Jan 30th. The primary focus was current funded capital maintenance projects and unfunded capital maintenance projects. Amy provided a few slides on the irrigation at the course. She highlighted the need to replace including age, total cost spent on repairs, pump, design consultant etc. Amy also recommended replacing the spillway to the pond. The City's Storm Water division would pay for the replacement of the spillway unless we upsized which we are recommending. Muni would be responsible for the delta. A proposal was made to fund 20% of the project from Muni's unassigned fund balance and 80% would be in a form of loan from the General Fund. Amy presented an overview of the remaining items in Matt's long-term plans. Amy highlighted the engineering firm that provided a scope and fee to complete the feasibility study to evaluate the improvements that we should make to improve safety for golfers crossing the road. That will not be paid out of Muni's budget. It will be paid out of a committed revenue account that the City received from races and walks.

Pro's report:

- January was a record month. Total of 4500 rounds of golf. Total revenue was \$142,000. YTD revenue is \$1.2 million. \$220,00 over last year's revenue.

Maintenance Report:

- Matt treated the entire course with pre and post herbicide. Pond banks have been trimmed. Adding new sand to traps. Trimmed all the mule grass. Installing new split rail fence. March 1st organic fertilizer will go in fairways only. Due to cost, Matt will have to wait for the new budget to expand fertilizer to the rough areas.

No Unfinished Business

- What is the status on rugs and hardware to dampen the noise in the clubhouse.

New Business:

- None

End of meeting: 5:37pm

Motion to adjourn – Jeff Darby and Richard King voted to adjourn and the remaining board agreed