Wilmington Municipal Golf Course

Advisory Board

February 13, 2024 Meeting

**Attendance:**

Jeff Darby, Joseph Anthony, Richard King, Charles Woodell, Tony Upchurch, Craig Davis, Matt Smith, Amy Beatty

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Darby at 5:15pm

January meeting minute: Where not available for review

**Clubhouse Renovation Committee**

No Report

**Budget Committee**

The Budget Submittal Letter for FY 24 included an increase of $2 for the 18-hole green fee. No increases for discount cards or 9-hole fee. The increase should result in approximately $60,000 more in revenue for FY 25.

A motion was made by Joseph Anthony to approve the $2 increase to greens fees. A Second was made by Charles Woodell with all members voting in favor of the motion.

**Greens/Grounds Committee**

No Report

Tony Upchurch reported that mold was accumulating on the exterior of the club house. Matt Smith said they would clean with bleach.

**Marketing Committee**

No Report

**Friends of Muni (FOM)**

No Report

**City of Wilmington**

Amy Beatty reported:

1. Estimate for the irrigation project is $1,700,000. Plans are to bid the project spring 2024 and start installation in December 2024. This will require a loan from the city of Wilmington for almost $400,000 and will deplete the fund balance to a balance of less than $400,000. This will delay the cart barn construction. If revenues stay consistent then the cart barn construction could possibly start by the end of calendar year 2024.
2. Tony Upchurch asked what the loan pay back to the general fund would be, Amy Beatty could not recall but would provide at the next meeting.
3. David Donovan will be looking into extending the golf cart lease to allow time for the cart barn to be constructed.
4. Amy Beatty stated that the Pine Grove Road cart crossing consultant recommendation would need to go to the Wilmington City Council for approval. Option 1B would be staff’s recommendation (See hand out)

**Pro’s Report**

A details Pro’s Report was handed out and reviewed by Matt Smith (See Attachment)

Highlights:

1. Bank charges have increased by $15,000 to $60,000 for credit card processing fees.
2. Service contracts include $20,000 for tree services.

**Golf Course Update**

A details Maintenance Report was handed out and reviewed by Matt Smith (See Attachment)

Highlights:

1. Cobble stone pavers will be installed at high traffic areas where turf is difficult to grow.
2. Charles Woodell asked about the test coloring of fairway #18. Matt Smith stated that he was still evaluating the cost. Tony Upchurch asked what the cost would be for the entire golf course. Matt Smith stated that it would cost approximately $10,000 to color all the fairways. The consensus of those attending was the funds would be better spent elsewhere. No formal action was taken.

**Unfinished Business**

Jeff Darby asked the status of the parking lot safety concerns about cars cutting through the parking lot.

Amy Beatty stated that the City Traffic Engineer recommended that the parking lot be reconfigured to make it safer. Amy confirmed that there is no funding for this project. Amy will bring a drawing at the next meeting, Charles Woodell made mention of using speed bumps to slow traffic and Amy Beatty stated that reconfiguring the parking lot would be a better option.

**New Business**

No New Business

**Municipal Golf Association (MGA)**

No Report

**Adjournment**

Richard King moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Tony Upchurch and was approved by all members at 5:40pm.