

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course  
Advisory Board  
February 10, 2025 Meeting

**Attendance:**

Vice Chairman Tony Upchurch, Richard King, Steve Bridges, Jeff Darby, Chris Dean, David Donovan, Matt Smith

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Tony Upchurch, at 5:00pm

No minutes were available from the January meeting.

**Friends of Muni (FOM)**

Chris Dean reported:

1. FOM approved installation of 18 new trash cans for the course
2. Installation of 4 Benches
3. Construction of cobble stone around the new water fountains (waiting on city to install)

**Budget Committee**

Richard King reported:

Staff submitted the Golf Course Transmittal letter to the Budget Department and are now waiting for a meeting with the Budget and City Manager's Office. David Donovan included the Capital Project List that was recommended by the Golf Course Advisory Board.

Richard King stated that the golf course is approximately 18 months from the 100-year anniversary and that some of the projects would take a long time to complete. Question to city staff about the status of getting some of the projects completed? David Donovan said that there is no plan to get any of the project done and that Amy Beatty informed him that she wanted to wait until after this budget year to get started. The board discussed the concern of waiting until after the budget year that the #4 Cart Barn Project wouldn't get done until after the anniversary. Richard King asked for the status of the #3 New Point of Sale Software? Tony Upchurch stated that Joe Anthony had put a lot of work into the project and should there be a presentation on how more efficient the software would be for the golf course. David Donovan replied that he would have a conversation with Amy Beatty and report back on to the board. Richard King also brought up the #6 Parking Lot - Sealing and Striping Project. This is a project that needs to be completed before the anniversary and that the best time to do it would be in July while the course is closed for aeration.

Jeff Darby made a motion to: Proceed with putting out a bid to secure a formal quote for the Carn Barn Project. The motion was seconded by Tony Upchurch and approved of by all members present.

### **Greens/Grounds Committee**

Richard King went over the Greens/Grounds Ongoing Capital Projects (See Attachment). Tony Upchurch brought up the question about getting the turf from the Pine Valley Golf Course renovation. Matt Smith Said that it wasn't financially feasible to acquire the turf. Matt Smith reported that Stormwater will be working on the Spillway Project #2.

Jeff Darby made a motion to: Proceed with the #6 Parking Lot - Sealing and Striping Project and the construction of the new gravel parking lot. The motion was seconded by Tony Upchurch and approved of by all members present.

### **Marketing Committee**

No Report

### **City of Wilmington**

No Report

### **Pro's Report**

A details Pro's Report was handed out and reviewed by David Donovan (See Attachment)

Highlights:

1. Extremely cold weather with lows of 17\* - 20\* resulted in the greens being covered beginning the afternoon of January 14<sup>th</sup> through January 19<sup>th</sup>
2. Summarized the budget submittal
3. The new golf cart lease will be on the February 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting
4. Staff increased the cart fee by an additional \$1

### **Golf Course Update**

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

Highlights:

1. Normally we get our pre-emerge herbicide application put out in the last week of January but due to the unusually cool January we are currently waiting on some frost to knock back any Bermudagrass that greened up this past week
2. Staff have trimmed back all the native muhlygrass around the entire course
3. Matt Smith went to training for the Lynx Irrigation computer control system for the new irrigation system on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. All new heads have been adjusted and ready for the growing season.

## **Unfinished Business**

## **New Business**

## **Municipal Golf Association (MGA)**

No Report

## **Adjournment**

Tony Upchurch moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jeff Darby and was approved by all members at 5:45 pm.