

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING

August 12, 2019

Mayor's Conference Room – Room 128

Present: Jeffrey Gallant, Karen Deneen, David Noyes, Michael Budwick, Aleksander Dernalowicz

In Attendance: William Frank, Daniel Berry

Minute Taker: Aleksander Dernalowicz

The meeting came to order at 3:31 PM.

Jeffrey Gallant asked if anyone was audio or videotaping the meeting. *None*

Dave Noyes noted the meeting minutes from July 15, 2019 had an error. The vote to allow beer samples during the Chamber tournament should be shown at 4-0, not 0-4. Michael Budwick made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with that change, seconded by Karen Deneen. 5-0 so voted.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Karen brought a list of items (attached) to be discussed as related to increasing membership. Of these items, the mid-August membership deal for 2020 was to be sent out immediately. New members can join now and get the remainder of this year and all of next year for the current rate.

Other discussions included having one-rate for both residents and non-residents, early pay discounts for current members joining for next year, and a possible discount to municipal employees. Further information was to be obtained before making a decision on these ideas.

It was decided that "Municipal" would be dropped from the name for marketing purposes as it has a perception of lower quality in the golf community. Next year we will offer early tee time booking privileges for members as well as begin referring to them officially as "Members" again, not "Season Pass Holders".

The remainder of the items were left for a decision at a future meeting. In particular, the rates would be set at the next meeting.

Dan Berry Update:

Dan brought up having a tee sheet during the week. It is currently first come/first serve. He receives calls during the week to book. He feels this may deter some people from coming as they don't have a guaranteed time. He will make this change.

Dan said the Second Chance 2-ball will be August 17-18. He noted the women's division was getting an excellent turnout. The information for the Columbus Day Four-ball will be out during the 2-ball event. A push will be made to local business/clubs to put up flyers for the 4-ball. We have advertising time to use with WXLO for this as well.

September will be busy with 3 Friday Scrambles and other league end of year tournaments on the schedule.

William Frank Update:

The practice putting green will be aerated tomorrow (8/13). The course will be aerated on a 3 day schedule doing 6 greens per day starting on 8/20. An email will go out about any volunteers to help with the aeration.

Bill discussed the concerns over the size of the fairways, size of the greens, and pace on greens. He stated it all comes back to the financials and the cost to the course. He will have these numbers for next meeting.

Commission Members' Comments and Reports: None

Financials:

Receipts were reviewed. Line items seemed to be shifted. Jeff will look further into this and get back to the Commission. A motion was made to accept the financials by Michael Budwick, seconded by Dave Noyes. 5-0 so voted.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019 in the Mayor's Conference Room at 4:30 PM.

Aleksander Dernalowicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Noyes. 5-0 so voted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aleksander Dernalowicz