

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING

April 4, 2022
4:30 PM, Via Zoom

Present: Jeff Gallant, Aleksander Dernalowicz, David Noyes, Ann Twohig, Mike Budwick

In Attendance: Dan Berry, Bill Frank

Minute Taker: Sue Motta

Jeff Gallant called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Jeff asked if there were any changes from the 3/7/22 minutes; there were none. Aleksander Dernalowicz made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Dave Noyes seconded. 5-0 *so voted.*

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence:

We received some correspondence from Debra Pond, the Human Resource Director regarding an employee who had not been receiving raises since March of 2019. All wages due to him this year will be paid retroactive and then a letter will be submitted to the City Council for approval to pay him for the balance of what he is owed from previous years.

Dan Berry Update:

The pro shop is ready for opening day tomorrow.

There is still an open question regarding a price increase for greens fees. Dan proposed \$1.00 for 9 holes, \$2.00 for 18 holes. This should increase greens fees revenue by about \$16,000.00 this year based on last year's numbers. Dave Noyes made a motion to raise the fees as noted about, Aleksander Dernalowicz seconded. 5-0 *so voted.*

The new rates will not go up until they are posted.

William Frank Update:

Bill said the course is ready to open tomorrow except holes 2 and 3, he will decide on those tomorrow since they are still very wet. Everything else looks good and despite the winter, the course looks very healthy.

Ann Twohig asked if the bushes between the first and tenth tee could be trimmed as they are overgrown. Bill will take a look in the next few days and will trim if necessary.

Commission Members' Comments and Reports:

Aleksander Dernalowicz asked the status of memberships thus far, Dan said about 290 members have been signed up and feels this will be a very strong year.

Aleksander Dernalowicz asked Bill Frank how the restaurant was progressing, and Bill said there has been a great deal of improvements being made such as bathrooms, flooring, new light fixtures, they have painted all the walls and they are really working to make nice. In addition, the course has spent a lot of money on the building, approximately \$35,000.00 including windows, roofing, and asbestos removal.

Ann asked if the pace of play will be monitored. Dan said we can either hire people to do this or some of the existing can help. Dan felt the best option was to utilize existing employees for now.

Dave Noyes is hearing there will be several tee times being blocked, Dan confirmed there will be a few groups that will be reserving these times but that most times will be open. There is some question about the Acadia club and Dan will verify this.

Regarding the restaurant, Ann asked the status of the liquor license; Jeff said the process has begun and is moving forward. Ann also asked if they were setting up an outdoor grill and having the beverage cart on the course and Jeff replied yes that it would be the same as what was done in the past. Dave asked if we knew when the restaurant would open and Jeff replied stating that it depends on the liquor license. Jeff will inquire to see if there is a projected date.

Chairman's Comments and Reports: None

Financials:

Total receipts at the end of March are at \$564,335.00 which is close to 68% of the budget. Golf Course expenses are \$492,206.00 plus the \$195,000.00 indirect costs for a total of \$687,206.00. Jeff noted we may have to transfer money from the reserves to cover expenses. Aleksander Dernalowicz made a motion to accept the financials, Dave Noyes seconded. *5-0 so voted.*

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022, in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Motta
Administrative Coordinator