

**GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 14, 2022**

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5: 30 pm by Greg Fair

Eddie Martinez	<i>present</i>	Kevin Ross	
Greg Fair	<i>present</i>	Sheri Sheppard	<i>present</i>
Jane Arnett	<i>present</i>	Matt Jones	<i>present</i>
David L. Lock	<i>present</i>	Richard Flores	<i>present</i>
Ronald Schielke	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	
Ceri Davies		Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

2. Approval of the 9-19-22 meeting minutes

Motion was made to approve minutes by Jane and was seconded by David.

3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Items for individual consideration

a. Old business

None

b. Clubhouse – Matt

Matt said that the information will go out tomorrow at council meeting and that the plans have been moving along. The contractor at risk has come up with closer numbers. The project looks to be coming in at around 8 million dollars

They did some adjusting of the current building plan, but the design has not changed too drastically. They are looking into having the same look and roof line as the existing but it will be a challenge. There will not be a covered walkway between the new and old buildings. They also talked about the outdoor area, which will have a very large deck that could seat 100, and will be partially covered, looking out into the lake and will feature a pass through.

Matt stated that the new shop will be larger with an office complex and that the design was borrowed from Mont Belvieu. They are hoping to achieve a real sports bar atmosphere and all are excited about the hitting bays. The new clubhouse will not only be for golfers, but they are hoping to offer more to the community including socializing, restaurant, and an event and party venue. They plan to offer different types of games in the hitting bays, which could be used for meetings and parties.

Matt said that the concession turnhouse on the course will keep the clubhouse cleaner. The front part of the building will have a covered drop off area and there will be some nice parking areas, from and to the building.

Greg mentioned that news about the new Jersey Meadow Golf Course clubhouse had made it into the Community Impact magazine.

5. Staff briefings

a. Golf Course Operations Report – Matt Jones

Matt said that the end of the 21-22 revenue numbers were the best ever. Income per player was 4.85 per player over. People are buying more things in the pro shop as well. The goal is to keep the trend going up.

Greg asked how breaking ground and construction will affect revenues and Matt said that he anticipates a 5% effect. Parking across the bridge was discussed as well as having a shuttle on busy weekends. During construction, staff would continue to operate out of existing building.

Construction may begin in March or April and the project is estimated to take 9 months, or 12 at worst. They also estimate 5 months for the renovation of the existing structure. Matt said they could rent a tent if needed.

Matt said that the tournaments have been doing very well. The new additional netting project will open up the back of the range. They plan to take out old trees in the late winter, do some erosion control on 14, and do some sprinkler re-leveling. Also in the plans are raising tee boxes, and some cart path repairs.

The junior program continues to grow and there are a lot of high schools participating. The school booster club buys memberships for the golf students. Matt mentioned the planned pro shop promotions like the 12 days of Christmas, and the Black Friday sale. He also talked about the booth at Holiday in the Village.

b. Golf Course Maintenance Report – Richard Flores

Richard talked about the plans as they head into the winter. The growth has started to slow down due to the shorter days and colder temperatures. The mowing schedule is going to change to once a week, to ensure that course is at its best for prime time play on the weekend.

Richard talked about the leveling of the sprinklers and the drainage improvement by Matts creek. He talked about needing to add irrigation to the berm. There are plans to aerate but will not over seed the tees this year. They will use pigment to protect the grass during the winter and may spray the fairways with pigment, depending on the budget. They plan to add more pampas grass. They will remove some trees that died due to the construction of the berm project. There is budget money to replace 10-12 trees every year.

They talked about possibly applying dyes in different shades for the greens, the tees, and the fairways. They are aware that some greens have bad spots, but will address by cutting to let it recover, and reducing green fees if needed. They will also look into masking by top dressing with green sand, applying dyes, and possibly using a temporary grass.

Poa annua is a big problem. It has two germination cycles. They are applying a pre-emergent. Unfortunately, what kills poa annua will also kill winter grass. They have started new projects and training new personnel on everything, including applying fertilizers, weeding, and mowing. Will train personnel to mix the chemicals for the greens. They will also be working on the sand traps, edging cart paths, sprinkler heads, and cleaning things up.

Greg asked about the sand and Matt said that the sand grains were too big but issue was being addressed. They also talked about sand traps, chipping green, and drainage at the bunkers. The pile of dirt with overgrown weeds at the front of golf course was brought up and Richard said that they would take care of it.

They talked about the VERP, the vehicle and equipment replacement policy. They need to get rid of old equipment. They may rotate old equipment out to the rougher areas. Matt said that if we have too much equipment, it affects the budget. Money from auctioning out equipment goes into general fund.

6. Future agenda items request

7. Next Meeting Date:

January 9th at 5:30 pm

8. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 6:35pm when a motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jane and was seconded by Ronald.