

GOLF COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

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I. PROCEDURES

- A. Call to Order Brian James called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and asked for a roll call.
- B. Roll Call Committee members Brian James (Chairman), Ed Czech, Bob Delander, Charles Nelson and Brent Redman (Pro) were present and constituted a quorum. Vice-Mayor Don Dent attended as Ex-Officio member. Golf Course Superintendent Marty Yerian and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley represented City Staff.
- C. Approval of minutes: March 8, 2011 Ed Czech moved to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011, as presented. Charles Nelson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.
- D. Adoption of Agenda Bob Delander moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Chuck Nelson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Update from Council meeting regarding possible ball field on "new clubhouse" location
- Brian James summarized: Two weeks ago, the President of Little League made a presentation to City Council to use land adjacent to the golf course as a Little League field. The Committee needs to consider whether this would be a suitable activity to be adjacent to the golf course. The plan attached to the wall hanger is for a temporary practice field with a portable back stop.
- Councilman Dent explained that just a patch of grass is needed for baseball, softball, and soccer practices. It can be either rectangular or square. If a ball player were struck by a golf ball, the liability would be that of the golfer hitting the ball. The City owns 18 acres off Airport Road that could become a sports complex. However, that would take several years of planning and money. The only place the City has with water is the parcel at the Golf Course. Grass could be grown in a year's time. Limited parking would have to be on the street. As a practice facility, no games would be held there. Right now, this is just a proposal, not a done deal.
- Bob Delander said that one concern from a golfer's point of view would be distraction from the game.
- Brian James commented that Marty has too much to do with the Golf Course without taking on additional responsibilities at the practice field.
- Councilman Dent agreed that Marty is short-staffed but with additional jobs, he'll get help more quickly when the City begins hiring again. One possible issue with the property off Airport Road is that it is an old sawmill site. It could have old metals, etc., mixed with the soil.



Brian James said that a statement from this Committee should be sent to City Council.

Marty Yerian commented that the City controls the land, and it can be controlled like the Golf Course. It does not have to be open to the public. Bob Delander asked how long the property would be used as a practice field, and Councilman Dent replied that it would be used until a ball field or club house is built.

A motion was made by Ed Czech to approve the following proposal, and it was seconded by Bob Delander. The motion carried 5-0.

PROPOSAL FROM GOLF COMMITTEE TO CITY COUNCIL

As the facility is proposed to be just a training area for junior sports with no matches, the area is more suitable than originally proposed.

The Golf Committee is concerned about:

1. Danger to users being hit by golf balls.
2. Damage to vehicles parked around the area.
3. That the area will become used as a general recreation area.
4. The maintenance of the facility will fall upon the golf course crew who are already stretched and short of funds.

B. Update position with regard to new carts.

Marty Yerian said that carts were ordered that morning for delivery in the middle of June or the first of July. The carts will be 2012 Yamaha carts. They are keeping the three-year-old carts and will end up with 65 carts. The new carts are the same color as the old ones and use the same keys.

C. Update on new scorecard

Brent Redman said that the new scorecards were shipped to Elephant Rocks last Friday so they are on their way. Once they arrive, he will throw out the old cards and use the new ones.

D. Unresolved maintenance issues.

Marty Yerian said that Young Life offered 800 to 1,000 yards of sod. However, Marty does not have the manpower to put the sod in and keep it wet. Brian James asked if the Committee could point out to the City that more workers are needed. Councilman Dent said that members of the Committee could attend the Budget Meeting in May. He would like to turn all grass in the City over to Marty.

Brian James mentioned grass in the bottom of both ditches on Hole #13. Marty said that it can take 2-3 days to dig this out and use a chemical. Brian said that if the grass is left, the ditches could become hazards. So, Marty will leave the grass in both

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ditches.

- E. Replacement of trees. Marty said that they removed two poplar trees on #5 that were shooting trees up in bunkers. There will be a dead pine tree on #15 in a couple of months. Also, three trees between #4 and #5 and another on the tee box at #9 will be lost.
- F. Discuss possibility of sponsors for yardage signs and sign markers. The issue is the permanence of signs. If they are stored every winter, they might be considered temporary signs. Better tee marker signs are needed. Each attendee was asked to think about what they want for tee marker signs. It was suggested that only business' names appear on the signs, not their logos. For 18 holes, the signs will cost more than \$30,000.
- G. Set date, time and location for next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 5:00 p.m.

III. REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Ex-Officio and Committee Members. None
- B. City Staff. None

IV. ADJOURN

Brian James moved to adjourn, seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.