

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
04/22/15
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Robert Walkowicz, Joe Lopo, Jim Whitenight Jerry Weitzel, Julie Nelson, Hope Chrisman, Tom O’Gorman, Charlie Dyer, Chuck Weirauch
ABSENT: Jan Wall
STAFF: Steve Southard, Andrea Sheldon, Jordan McCormick, Winston Howe
COUNCIL: Absent

Notice of meeting posted.

Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 5:15 pm.

Minutes The minutes for the 03/25/15 were approved as submitted.

Citizen None

Comments

NON-ACTION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2014 Mariana Butte Maintenance Staff Jordan McCormick reviewed the information in the packet and spoke about the following projects and goals:

- Focusing on finishing lingering flood repair items and on projects that will prevent further damage when flooding reoccurs (e.g. Dry Creek bridges)
- Changing mowing patterns to “pod” tee areas – and letting some areas go native; fundamental change to irrigation methods. Will decrease expenses related to water, herbicides, etc.
- Maintenance to eradicate moss on greens
- Beginning draft plan to rebuild tees on #14; can enlarge tees with interlocking rocks and can level surface of tees.

2014 Mariana Butte Pro Shop Staff Golf Professional, Winston Howe reviewed the information in the packet. New staff in the pro shop includes: Asst. Professional Kevin Cohrs, Ed Provot and Colton Bailey. Lanny Cameron returns for the summer and is expanding his responsibilities to include instruction as part of the team at the Cattail Creek golf course. Goals include increasing revenues gained from lessons and merchandise sales and increase revenues from outings held at The Butte (currently up from 2014).

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Budget 2016: Steve Southard reviewed the 10 year Capital Improvement Plan. Daily fees for golfers will remain the same for 2016; Steve does recommend a

Preliminary Discussions

slight increase to the 3 Course Full Week Seasonal Pass working towards making the 5 day and 7 day more proportionately in line with each other. Revenues need to not only cover M&O operations, but also, overall inflation, capital projects and equipment purchase expenditures, plus fund long term asset replacement. The Affordable Health Care Act will impact budget dollars for 2016 and beyond depending upon how the City chooses to hire part time employees. Any employee that works over 30 hours could be benefits eligible for health care. Another item that could affect budgets City-wide is the elimination of the Food and Consumption Tax. Council is discussing phasing out that tax over the next 3 years.

After discussion, the general consensus was to move forward with the initial budget proposal for a final review at the May meeting.

Golf Course Standards

Steve distributed preliminary maintenance standards for all 3 Loveland golf courses and the levels of maintenance expected for peak vs. non-peak seasons. The standards are a starting place for discussions and a way to look at maintenance practices when faced with budget cuts. The standards also help with training. A suggested addition included adding the number of on-course water coolers per season Steve asked the Board to look over the standards for approval at the May meeting.

No action taken

Council Liaison Report

No report

Golf Operations Manager Report

The 5A High School State Golf Championship for Girls will be held at The Olde Course May 18 and May 19. Maintenance staff is working to complete the new cart path on #9 prior to the tournament.

Board Member Comments

- Hope Chrisman asked about the proposed development on #10; still in development stages; no formal approval
- The May meeting will be at The Olde Course at Loveland maintenance building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair