

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

06/22/2016

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

PRESENT: Robert Walkowicz, Joe Lopo, Charlie Dyer, Hope Chrisman, Julie Nelson, Jan Wall, Chuck Weirauch, Jim Whitenight

ABSENT:

STAFF: Steve Southard, Andrea Sheldon, Elizabeth Anderson, Leah Browder, Public Works Director

COUNCIL: Don Overcash

CITIZENS PRESENT: Daryle Klassen, Ellen Roylance

Notice of meeting posted.

Chair Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:15 pm.

Minutes The minutes for the 04/27/16 meeting were approved as submitted.

Citizen Comments Mr. Klassen and Ms. Roylance deferred comments until the Private Cart agenda item.

NON-ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Private Golf Carts Public Works Director, Leah Browder related to the Board issues surrounding private golf carts on roadways and the issue that has come to light at The Olde Course at Loveland; specifically about access to the course via a private HOA gate and across private land being restricted by the property owners and development of the land. Current municipal code does not allow for private carts on public roadways. An ordinance change is being recommended to Council that:

- Relies on the honor system
- Would allow carts to be driven on the public roadways within 1 mile of a golf course
- Would require for carts to be insured
- Would not, at this time, require additional “street” permits to be issued
- Would require carts to be road worthy under the definition of low speed electric vehicles
- Carts would need to travel as far to the right as possible while on the street

Leah stated that in addition to the ordinance change, an alternate access point (to that of the HOA gate) would be sought. Leah also informed the Board that other municipalities have adopted low-speed electrical vehicle ordinances; Loveland would be the

only City, though, to not have a street-permit system.

Steve Southard indicated that the proposed ordinance would address not only issues at The Olde Course, but also at Mariana Butte and Cattail Creek.

Ellen Roylance commented that to get a golf cart licensed and make it street legal, the cart has to have a 14 digit VIN number; most carts with that type of set up are cost prohibitive. Daryle Klassen shared the history of private carts using the HOA gate for access, the recent decision by the HOA to lock the gate, and also the history of traffic bollards being placed on an access easement to the east of the HOA gate.

Robert Walkowicz asked if a formal recommendation by motion was needed. Leah said that the agenda item was informational only and that Public Works did not want to proceed to Council without first making the changes known to the Golf Board.

No Action taken

Councilor Overcash arrives 5:35 pm

Agenda Order Change

Item #4 was moved up in the agenda.

Discussion Action

2017 Budget Process: PILT

Robert opened the discussion and related that he had been in conversation with Staff and Council looking to see when the right time would be to present a 5-year relief from PILT request to Council at large. Elizabeth Anderson related that she also had discussions with the City Manager regarding a request for a 5-year relief from PILT.

Councilor Overcash stated that Council is looking for ways to get projects done. He also stated that by continuing to invest in the assets of and improvements to the golf courses, golf builds value into the Loveland courses. He stated that Council would need to be shown the priority of the improvements needed, what value they would add, and if not done, what would be the rate, if any, of accelerated decline.

A board discussion followed regarding PILT and the possibility of taking the request to Council. Julie Nelson moved that the Board recommend Staff get the PILT discussion on the Council study session agenda. Charlie seconded with unanimous approval. Chuck Weirauch, Julie and Robert all expressed interest in being part of a study-session presentation.

Non-Action Items/Information

Noise and Course Operation

Steve related that several residents in the new homes along #3 and #4 at Mariana Butte have complained about mower/maintenance noise in the morning. Staff is looking for possible solutions.

July Meeting Cancelled

Andrea Sheldon related that the July Golf Advisory Board meeting was cancelled.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Financial Report

Steve stated that year-to-date revenues are down compared to 2015 mostly due to a closed winter. The courses are on a good pace to make up the revenue by the end of 2016.

Golf Operations Report

None; addressed in previous agenda items

Board Member Comments

Elizabeth Anderson: Very proud of Parks and Recreation department staff. Steve is a great manager for the golf division and was recently published in a national golf maintenance magazine for an article on irrigation systems.

Council Overcash and Director Anderson leave at 6:25 pm

Julie Nelson: Attended the Friday night Golf and Grub at Cattail Creek. A few issues with food, but night was fun and seemed to draw a cross section of people

Hope Chrisman: The ladies group at The Olde Course mentioned to Hope that they felt the roughs were too long on Tuesdays.

Hope reminded them that it was they who asked for the maintenance crews to not mow the roughs on Tuesdays because it was interrupting their play.

Hope also mentioned that she had been receiving many complaints about the service levels and quality of food being offered by the Wapiti Colorado Pub at Mariana Butte.

Jan Wall thanked Robert for forwarding the article on the TPC course coming to Berthoud.

Charlie Dyer said that he had heard only good reviews about Connie Dubois and the service and quality of food she is providing as the new food and beverage vendor at The Olde Course at Loveland.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair