

**LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

08/24/2016

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

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PRESENT: Robert Walkowicz, Joe Lopo, Charlie Dyer, Julie Nelson, Chuck Weirauch, Jim Whitenight

ABSENT: Hope Chrisman, Jan Wall,

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

COUNCIL: Absent

CITIZENS PRESENT: Torey Nelson, Chris Colling

Notice of meeting posted.

Chair Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 5:15 pm.

**Minutes** The minutes for the 06/22/16 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Citizen Comments** None

**NON-ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Wapiti Colorado Pub**

Robert Walkowicz introduced Torey Nelson and Chris Colling as owners of the Wapiti Colorado Pub at the Mariana Butte golf course. Torey and Chris related that they remain excited to be a part of the operations at the Mariana Butte golf course; the location is both beautiful and challenging as “drive by” traffic does not exist, especially during the winter months. Recent management changes at the restaurant will bring better consistency in both service and quality.

Board member comments centered on food price, quality and service. Board members were urged to directly contact Chris and Torey with any further comments or concerns.

*No Action taken*

*Charlie Dyer arrives 5:25 pm*

**Mariana Butte: Modification to Hole #17**

Steve Southard informed the Board about steps being taken to improve a situation on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at Mariana Butte where a residence is consistently being hit by golf balls. Even though it is the responsibility of the golfer hitting the ball and the golf course was built prior to the house being built in that location, staff determined that there were several things that could be attempted to help alleviate some of the problems:

1. Old cottonwoods on the north side of the hole will be removed to allow the fairway to move more to the north
2. The white and blue tees will be moved back to extend the length of the carry
3. Eventually, moving the cart path location on the south side of the hole – again to move the main part of the fairway away from the house.

Staff cannot guarantee that any of these changes will alleviate balls from entering or hitting the premises; the hope would be to greatly lessen the amount.

**2016 Mid-Season Emergency projects: Budget implications**

Steve presented a review of unusual maintenance emergencies that have cropped up this summer; none of which were scheduled or had funds earmarked for them. The current budget will be shifted to accommodate the cost.

1. The jockey pump at Mariana Butte seized in July and had to be immediately replaced.
2. A connection on the mainline irrigation pipe corroded and failed at The Olde Course at Loveland. This brought down the entire irrigation system and nothing could be watered – which in the middle of July is a huge deal.
3. Consistent irrigation failures at Cattail Creek; looking at having to replace the lateral irrigation lines.
4. The floor of the back room at Cattail had to have emergency repairs and is being replaced. A heavy irrigation key went completely through a soft spot in the flooring near to where the ice machine was located.
5. At Cattail Creek, a large sink hole has opened up on the west side of the clubhouse near the pond.

In all cases, staff handled the issues with efficiency and professionalism.

**Fall Projects**

The following are projects scheduled at the courses:

Olde Course:

- Irrigation stress tests
- Adding forward tees on 2, 14, 18
- Improve irrigation on putting greens
- Fix the ground under repair on #16
- Plant trees between 5 and 9
- Replace, repair, the stairway and retaining wall on #1 and #10
- Drainage work on #7
- Rework the driving range tee
- Drainage work around the practice green – curb area

Cattail Creek

- Driving range repair
- Sink hole repair

- Irrigation line repair (begin)

Mariana Butte

- Rip rap box culverts along dry creek
- Moving heads on #17 hole irrigation
- Mapping crabgrass on tees
- Irrigation stress tests
- Install water and electric line to bathroom on 3 and 5
- Level 14 blue tee and 8 white tee

## REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

### Golf Operations Report

Steve reported that the Golf Division was awarded the Columbine Award for Innovation by the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association

Elizabeth Anderson has met with the new City Manager, Steve Adams regarding Golf Division funding; staff has been asked to investigate other methods available in addition to a relief from PILT

### Board Member Comments

Julie Nelson: Had a mix up at The Olde Course on Tuesday mornings with reverse nines and groups being put out ahead of other groups. The ranger did come and apologize – but further updates were forthcoming.

Chuck: Heard good comments about the City Championship at The Olde Course

Jim Whitenight: The subdivision drainage on #15 at MBGC looks like it is going to dump right out on #15. Steve said it was designed to hook into a pipe under the fairway.

Charlie: The courses look great! Also gave new home address.

Robert: Saw an ad in Quality Connections for Games on the Range and Sunset Rate at OCAL. Had received many compliments on the staff at the courses and condition of the courses.

Andrea Sheldon offered that the POS systems at the golf courses were being upgraded the week of 09/12; the upgrade process could cause delays at the courses when checking in.

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

**Respectfully Submitted**

**/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair**