

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

05/24/17

THE OLDE COURSE AT LOVELAND MAINTENANCE SHOP

PRESENT: Robert Walkowicz, Joe Lopo, Rex Lamoreaux, Julie Nelson, Chuck Weirauch, Jim Whitenight, Jack Stringer

ABSENT: Charlie Dyer, Jan Wall, Hope Chrisman,

STAFF: Steve Southard, Andrea Sheldon, Dennis Kling

COUNCIL: Absent

CITIZENS PRESENT: None

Notice of meeting posted.

Chair Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Minutes The minutes for the 04/26/17 meeting approved as submitted.

Citizen Comments None

NON-ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction of The Olde Course Maintenance Staff and 2017 Goals Dennis reviewed the information included in the packet. 2017 Accomplishments and goals include:

- Leveled and replaced sod on driving range tee
- Fixed #1 tee area including new curbing; addressed drainage issues and replaced sod.
- Renovated practice green by driving range – reshaped and reseeded.
- Built 3 new forward tees on holes 2, 6, and 9
- Planted new trees between holes 5 and 9

Dennis also provided updates on the goose and tree maintenance programs.

Industry Snapshot Steve related that golf industry research in showing participation rates dropping for past 10 years; the rate of overall decrease during that time is an approximate 22%. The overall golf population is aging and, as a whole, the industry is not good at replacing with younger golfers.

Mariana Butte Trail: Follow up Steve distributed trail plans and revised signage maps. He also reviewed trail location, and direction.

Discussion included review of safety measures and liability of golfers regarding hikers; types and location of signage; golf staff training. No action taken.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Budget 2018 Budget Package Summary

Steve Southard gave a presentation and reviewed a draft of 2018 projected revenues and expenditures, including the proposed 10-year capital improvement plan. Summary:

- No fee increases are proposed
- Budget will see an increase in expenses related to seasonal wages as minimum wage increases per new regulations
- Expense transfers for internal general City services (i.e. accounting, human resources, city attorney, etc.) increased significantly.
- 10-year cash flow plan reflects a predicted overall revenue decrease of 2.5% for 2018 in anticipation of the new TPC course.

Steve noted that, while the new TPC course will bring competition, having competition, the level of the TPC course could only make the Loveland courses better as staff takes a look at our facilities for needed improvements, etc.

Joe Lopo moved that the 2018 proposed budget be accepted as presented; Chuck Weirauch seconded with unanimous approval.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Financial Report

None: addressed in previous agenda items

Golf Operations Report

None; addressed in previous agenda items

Board Member Comments

Jack Stringer: Like the new sample tee sign on hole #5. Yardage marker posts need to be repainted.

Rex Lamoreaux: Why doesn't Loveland have a 1st Tee program like Denver. Has Loveland ever considered offering golf camps that last 3-4 hours a day for a limited time?

Julie Nelson: Tried to buy a youth putter from CCGC, only putters offered for sale were left-handed. Played SNAG with young daughter – daughter won hole #5. Sat next to couple on patio at CCGC whose first date was on the Mini-Course.

Robert Walkowicz: Regarding citizen from last meeting, Dean Dobbins, and his house on #7 at MBGC – wondering if there is anything that could be done to help e.g. planting trees.

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

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair