

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

08/23/17

THE OLDE COURSE AT LOVELAND MAINTENANCE SHOP

PRESENT: Joe Lopo Charlie Dyer, Jan Wall, Hope Chrisman, Robert Walkowicz, Rex Lamoreaux, Chuck Weirauch, Jack Stringer

ABSENT: Jim Whitenight, Julie Nelson,

STAFF: Steve Southard, Andrea Sheldon,

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, August 23, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Minutes The minutes for the 06/28/17 meeting approved as submitted.

Citizen Comments None

NON-ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

**Update: Council Study Session
08/08/17 – PILT Removal**

Steve Southard reviewed the results of the City Council study session meeting of 08/08/17. Council directed the Budget department and City Manager to prepare a budget without the requirement of PILT from golf. Council also asked staff to look at the options for either renovating the existing clubhouse or building a new clubhouse at OCAL

No action taken.

**2018 and Beyond: Forthcoming
budget challenges**

Steve reviewed multiple 10-year cash flow plan scenarios that address both the increase in minimum wage and the costs involved with borrowing funds to build a new clubhouse building. Minimum wage will increase each year until it reaches \$12.00 per hour in 2020. Staff expects the seasonal labor expense line item to increase approximately 33% during this time. Borrowing money to build a new facility, would add significantly to the expense side as well.

To offset projected increases, staff is looking at the following areas for cost saving or revenue generating opportunities:

- Permanent removal of PILT
- Possible fee increases
- Deferment of capital improvement projects.
- Deferment of equipment replacement
- Reduction in service levels

No Action Taken

**Roadmap to Growth:
Opportunities at Cattail
Creek/Skills Course**

Steve talked about Cattail Creek golf course and the possibilities that may exist to both make the course easier for beginners and at the same time, incorporate short course options, like a “Horse Course” or Dave Pelz training facility that challenge the experienced golfer.

The general consensus of the Board was to begin to take steps in this direction.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Added Item: Wrap Up of Council Meeting

Robert Walkowicz opened the table for a discussion regarding the City Council study session and Council’s direction to bring back clubhouse options. Topics discussed included

- Size and scope of services offered at the clubhouse
- Comments from Council that golf was part of the “fabric of the community,”
- Seemingly eagerness by some members of City Council for Golf to take on debt without knowing all the ramifications
- Concerns that City Council did not hear the entire financial message regarding not only, PILT, but also internal service transfers, etc.
- Should Council be petitioned for financial assistance?

After a lengthy discussion; Charlie Dyer motioned that staff prepare financial options for clubhouse funding and present those options to the Parks and Recreation Director and City Manager within 2 weeks. The motion was seconded with unanimous approval.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Golf Operations Report

None; addressed in previous agenda items

Board Member Comments

Hope Chrisman: Can concrete be replaced by #5 green at MBGC
Charlie Dyer: Visited with couple from out-of-town who love OCAL and the setting of OCAL
Robert Walkowicz: Approached by member of Council regarding quality of food service at MBGC

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair