

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

03/27/19

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. 3rd, Loveland, CO

PRESENT: Charlie Dyer, Jim Whitenight, Robert Walkowicz, Joe Lopo, Greg Oehmen, Jack Stringer, Chuck Weirauch, Beth Soderquist, Rex Lamoreaux,
ABSENT: Julie Nelson,
STAFF: Mark Esoda, Andrea Sheldon, Jim Dargis
COUNCIL: Don Overcash
CITIZENS PRESENT: None

Notice of meeting posted.

Chair Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, 03/27/19 at 5:15 pm.

Citizen Comments No citizens present

Minutes The minutes of the 02/27/19 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Council Liaison Report Councilor Overcash related that the City Council has begun the budget process for 2020. Some discussion is occurring around the food sales tax. Council signed an IGA with the County for the new Police Training facility; funds already earmarked for that purpose will construct the facility.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Councilor Overcash leaves at 5:30

Budget Process 2020

Preliminary Fee Discussion

Mark Esoda began the discussion regarding the 2020 budget including future concerns and immediate needs. A hard look at the current fee structure, current policies, and business practices is needed in order to continue to maintain the course at an acceptable level and provide the funds for current and future capital needs.

Action: A lengthy discussion was held covering various fee proposals, suggested policy changes, etc.

Jack Stringer motioned to charge full-week seasonal pass holders the punch pass rate on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Jim Whitenight seconded.

Discussion: Chuck Weirach questioned if that would be for all or part year.

Jack amended his motion to charge full-week seasonal pass holders the punch pass rate during PEAK hours, as already defined. Other times of the year, the fee to play would be the established user fee.

Jim seconded.

Discussion: Joe Lopo: very hard on full week seasonal pass holders

Beth Soderquist: questioned the impact to golfers who worked and played on the weekends

Robert Walkowicz: questioned the amount of increase to revenues that change would provide.

Charlie Dyer asked if the pass holder would have to purchase a punch pass or would that just be the rate charged. Mark stated that pass holders would not need to buy a punch pass for those specific times.

After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Stringer motioned that all fee be raised 2%. No seconded for the motion was entertained.

Beth Soderquist motioned that the greens fees for The Olde Course be changed from \$34-\$36 for Non Peak 18 and from \$36-\$38 for Peak 18 and that the fees at Mariana Butte be changed from \$44-\$45 Non-peak 18 and \$46-\$48 for PEAK 18. Additional fees that wheel of the peak/non peak rates will be adjusted accordingly.

Jim seconded

Discussion: Greg Oehmen stated that it was imperative that the golfers understand the reason for the fee increases.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jack motioned that the non-peak user fee be increased from \$3.50/9 to \$5/9.

Jim seconded

The motion passes unanimously.

Other fees were discussed including the possibility of adding of a warm-up basket of balls or an all inclusive pass of some sort.

Staff will run the numbers on all the passed fees for the April meeting.

Junior Golf Foundation Donation Requests

Action: The Board approved Junior Golf Foundation donations, for \$500.00 per team, for the Mountain View, Berthoud, and Loveland High School girls golf teams.

NON-ACTION/INFORMATIONAL

The Olde Course at Loveland Clubhouse Feasibility Study

Mark indicated that the preliminary report had some inconsistencies that staff wanted to address before handing out the document.

Point of Sale and Tee Time System Update

Andrea Sheldon discussed the process currently underway to find a new vendor for both systems.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Golf Operations Manager Report

Covered by agenda items

Board Member Comments

- Joe Lopo: Once fees are finalized, need to send them to the Men's and Ladies associations with the reasons for the increases.
- A Web.Com tournament is coming to the TPC course 07/08-07/14; they need volunteers and sponsorships.
- Robert Walkowicz said that he had received complaints about the Wapiti's food and service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair