

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

10/07/19

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. 3rd Street

PRESENT: Robert Walkowicz, Jim Whitenight, Charlie Dyer, Joe Lopo, Beth Soderquist, Greg Oehmen, Chuck Weirauch, Rex Lamoreaux,
ABSENT: Julie Nelson, Jack Stringer
STAFF: Mark Esoda, Andrea Sheldon
COUNCIL: Don Overcash

Notice of meeting posted.

Chair Robert Walkowicz called the special meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Monday, 10/07/19 at 4:00 pm.

Citizen Comments

Robert Walkowicz invited the citizens present to offer any comment they would like to make at this time that was not related to items on the agenda. Citizen comments on agenda items would be encouraged after staff presented that item:

- Loveland resident, Gene Pielin, stated that he regretted having to bring the fee issue to Council and that he had spoken to Chief Finance Officer, Alan Krcmarik about loans for the projects.
- Loveland resident, Larry Longwell, stated he felt the increase to fees was too high.
- Loveland resident, Stew Sergerstrom, stated that the Mariana Butte men's league does not play during prime time, peak season; has limited tournament days, and has an afternoon league days Monday-Thursday.
- Loveland resident, Tom Wood, stated that he was not happy with what he had heard about fees so far; feels it is an attack against passholders.

2020 Fees

Review of input received 09.25.19

Mark Esoda presented four different scenarios for 2020 golf fees based on the input received from the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on 09.25.19. Mark also stated that the proposed fee structure was for 2020 only. Staff would be back in 2020 for increases to fees for 2021, and in the years to come, for more fee increases.

Fee Scenario One: Increase base rate for 2-Course and 3-Course full week seasonal passes by 20% or \$120 and \$176 respectively. Increase the prime time, peak-season seasonal pass user fee by 30% or \$1.50

per 9 holes. Increase the non-prime seasonal pass user fee 43% or 1.50 per 9-holes. Other fees remain the same.

Fee Scenario Two: Increase the 18-hole rates at both courses by \$3.00 per round for both peak and non-peak; increase the peak user fee by \$1.25 per 9; increase the non-peak user fee by \$0.75 per 9; adjust other fees that wheel off the 18-hole rate accordingly.

Fee Scenario Three: Increase the base fees for the full-week seasonal passes and user fees noted in Scenario One; increase the 18-hole daily fees as noted in Scenario Two and make adjustments to the 9-hole rates as well to reflect at least ½ of the 18-hole rate.

Fee Scenario Four: The same increases as Scenario 3 except the increase the 18-hole rate at Mariana Butte would be \$2.00 instead of \$3.00. Mark felt that the \$3 increase could possibly be too high.

Councilor Overcash would like to see how the proposed rates stack up against 2019 actuals plus projected for the rest of the year. He did not feel that most of the fee increases did enough to secure the needed funds for the future.

Council Overcash leaves at 5:00

Robert Walkowicz opened the item for Citizen Comment:

- Stew Segerstrom felt that Scenario Three did not “kick the can” down the road for funding improvements and was viable as a golfer
- Loveland resident, David Spalding, asked if the proposed fees would keep the Early Birds and the Loveland Men’s Club with the same access on the weekend mornings. He also stated that he felt Mariana Butte was underpriced for the value. Mark said that access to the golf courses would be addressed during upcoming policy discussions at the next Golf Advisory Board meeting.
- Gene Pielin stated that he felt doing all three projects (OCAL clubhouse, CCGC irrigation system and OCAL maintenance building) at one time was not feasible and that the projects should be stretched out over the coming years, borrowing from internal funds at the rates Alan Krckmarik indicated to complete them. Mark stated that three projects mentioned were not scheduled for 2020 but were stretched out over the next 10 years. He reviewed the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan with the Board. Staff had also

discussed borrowing options with Alan Krckmarik and that could be feasible if the payback of the loans did not compromise the fund. Gene also stated that he had proposed the fees in Scenario 2 to keep the access in place for the Men's club.

- Larry Longwell stated that he plays 130+ rounds and that the suggested increases to the seasonal passes and user fees would cost him significantly more to play.
- Tom Wood stated that he plays over 200 rounds per year and that he will look elsewhere to play golf next year if the fees increase to proposed amounts.
- Loveland resident, Pat Wilder asked how many rounds were played during prime time/peak season at The Olde Course at Loveland and how much money would those times bring if full-paying customers has access to those times and they were not blocked for Men's club events.

Action: Jim Whitenight motioned that the Golf Board recommend staff pursue the fees as presented in Scenario #3. Rex Lamoreaux seconded.

Discussion:

Beth Soderquist stated that Scenario Three raised the per-round fee (based on 110,000 starts) from \$31.05/start in 2018 to \$33.26 in 2020.

Chuck Weirauch suggested that the non-prime user fee increase \$1.00/round to \$4.50 per nine and that the prime time increase to \$7.00 per nine or \$14 for 18. No motion was made to consider these fees.

Other discussion surrounded the fees for Mariana Butte and access to tee times. Fairness of increases across all golfers, input received from other citizens not at the meeting.

Motion unanimously passed.

Robert thanked the citizens in attendance and stated that improved communication from the Golf Board to citizens would be a topic at the upcoming Board meeting in October.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair