

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVE - CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JUNE 4, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Golf Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Lee at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Richard Lee, Chairman
John Cameron, Vice Chairman
Jane Taylor

Absent: Dennis Flesch
Lance Green

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - April 2, 2019

Motion to approve the Minutes from April 2, 2019 as presented was made by Member Taylor and Seconded by Member Cameron. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Financial and Evaluation Reports

Bob Duquette, General Manager for Kemper Sports, asked for any concerns with the reports and answered questions from the Board.

Chairman Lee inquired about the average paid round amount, and if the course got cheaper rounds. Mr. Duquette answered that yes, due to the difficulties with the course this month they had to discount some rounds. Chairman Lee asked if the rounds could be presented differently in the report in the future. Mr. Duquette stated that Kemper has already started a new system to report the rounds broken down more definitively.

Mr. Duquette is excited about the Mayors tournament June 15, 2019 and the benefit it brings to the City. He informed the Board of the \$1 per round event that happened last weekend where they raised over \$400 to donate to the Folds of Honor foundation, a program that provides educational scholarships to the children and spouses of fallen and disabled service members.

Member Cameron is concerned about the budget not being adequately spent on preserving and protecting the course. Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the City did not save money on maintenance in order to make money. Kemper is currently interviewing for a new superintendent to ensure the course is being properly taken care of.

Member Taylor asked Mr. Duquette if having a full-time superintendent is necessary or if they considered having consultants come in about every two weeks instead. Mr. Duquette believes a good full-time superintendent will be an asset to the course and he will be able to trust them to take care of things.

4. Discussion on Resolution 92-32

This item is to be continued to the August 6, 2019 meeting.

5. Golf Course General Landscaping

Chairman Lee has noticed that the quality of the course seems to remain in a cycle of getting better and then getting worse but is overall inconsistent. He is upset about the treatment of the course from other golfers as well.

Mr. Duquette is also unhappy with the rollercoaster that is the quality of the course conditions. He stated Kemper is trying to make the course the best it can be. Ms. Lovallo informed the Board there are a lot of factors that influence the course landscaping that are difficult to control but Kemper and the City are working on fixing them.

Member Taylor asked Ms. Lovallo if the Parks and Recreation Department is happy with the plan Kemper has going forward. Ms. Lovallo believes Kemper does have a good plan and having a more experienced superintendent may assist in taking care of it.

6. Discussion on Cypress Head Passes

Mr. Duquette stated that while the number of passes has gone down, he would like to look at one more season and see what happens.

7. Staff Comments

Ms. Lovallo believes the course is looking better. There have been concerns about signs for the restaurant restricting the use of outside coolers, which Mr. Duquette is starting to work on. Ms. Lovallo also spoke about the Mayors golf tournament June 15, 2019 and invited all to join.

8. Items for Next Agenda

Introduction of the new superintendent

Golf Course General Landscaping

Discussion on Resolution 92-32

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Cameron believes bringing in a superintendent that understands the City's budget is important and they would do a better job maintaining the golf course.

Member Taylor asked Mr. Duquette if it is possible to enforce the areas people can and cannot drive the golf carts to protect the courses. Mr. Duquette informed the Board that it is a challenge, especially as it is a public course, but he will investigate their options.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 6, 2019

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:00pm


Chairman Richard Lee