

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PORT ORANGE  
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
APRIL 2, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

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

Present: John Cameron, Vice Chairman  
Dennis Flesch  
Jane Taylor  
Lance Green

Absent: Richard Lee, Chairman (excused)

Also Present: Peter Ferreira, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director  
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Aguzzi, 6427 Longlake Drive, believes instead of pointing fingers about what's wrong with the Golf Course, specifically the greens, we should get together and get it taken care of. He is not happy with the quality of the grass on the Course. Mr. Aguzzi is upset that a third party is coming in to take care of the course when the City could be doing it.

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

2. Consideration of Minutes - February 5, 2019

*Motion to approve the Minutes from February 5, 2019  
as presented was made by Member Taylor and  
Seconded by Member Flesch. Motion carried  
unanimously by voice vote.*

3. Financial and Evaluation Reports

Bob Duquette, General Manager for Kemper Sports, provided an overview of the financial and evaluation reports and answered questions from the Board. Revenues for February, the Range, and Pro Shop revenues were slightly lower than budgeted. Operating expenses finished equal to the budget amount. Mr. Duquette stated that the Golf Course is currently ahead of budget for the year due to cost control from labor and expenses. He believes the relationship with the Golf Course and the restaurant is working very well.

Member Taylor questioned Mr. Duquette about the PGA Junior league. He replied that it is like Little League. Member Taylor stated she is happy with the restaurant and the work it has done with the woman's functions.

Member Flesch asked if the Course is happy with the range report and if they are making enough. Mr. Duquette replied yes, they are close to budget altogether. Mr. Duquette informed the Board that this weekend is the Rotary event and it's a big fundraiser for the Golf Course.

Member Green inquired about the budgeting for payroll and lack of spending for it. Mr. Duquette responded they are having trouble hiring help. Kevin Hannah, restaurant owner, spoke to the struggles of hiring quality employees who are going to stay. The Board offered a few suggestions on how to search for help. Mr. Duquette stated it is a top priority to hire people.

#### 4. Discussion on Resolution 92-32

Peter Ferreira, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, gave an overview of the draft changes discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Hannah asked how he as a citizen would find these updated rules and regulations after they are approved by Council. Mr. Duquette responded that the Golf Course would place them in the entrance so guests checking in could view them.

Member Flesch believes the Course needs to put a focus on making sure people are wearing proper attire on the Golf Course.

The Board worked through the document with the help of Mr. Duquette to make minor grammatical changes to the updated rules and regulations.

#### 5. Golf Course General Landscaping

Vice Chairman Cameron asked Mr. Duquette how the Course got to where its at and if they have brought in some people to look, what their determination is, and what the plan of action is going forward. Mr. Duquette responded yes. He informed the Board that the issues started in the Fall with the Goose grass. Due to the cooler weather the grass has not had a chance to grow. They have sought third party help from Bobby Elise, Elise Turf Services, to evaluate what is going on. Mr. Duquette informed the Board that Aeration of the Course has already been done to break up the compaction and allow the fertilizers and weed killers to penetrate the soil.

Vice Chairman Cameron is concerned about the measures taken, or not taken, to preserve and protect the grass. He believes something needs to be evaluated to ensure the course has everything it needs to get back on track.

Member Green is concerned about the loss of grass on greens that are out in the sun and shouldn't be having those issues. Mr. Duquette replied they are waiting on the temperature to rise to help encourage growth. Some areas they are going to have to re-sod no matter what. Mr. Duquette stated his priority is the greens, it is very important to him to get them back.

Member Flesch questioned if they have a plan for the T-Boxes. Mr. Duquette responded yes, they have a plan for them. Member Taylor suggested marking the areas in distress to ensure they receive no new wear and tear and can heal.

#### 6. Staff Comments

Mr. Ferreira informed the Board of the Mayors Golf Tournament on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He also asked Mr. Duquette to put the updated rules and regulations on the Cypress Head Golf Course website.

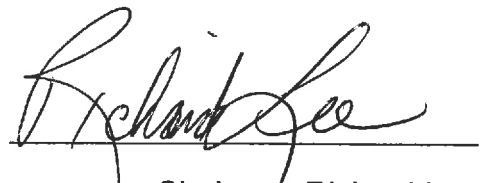
7. Items for Next Agenda  
Golf Course General Landscaping  
Discussion on Resolution 92-32  
Discussion on Cypress Head Passes

**D. BOARD COMMENTS**

Member Green reiterated that Kemper needs to put in the effort to bring the Course back in shape and hire more help.

**E. NEXT MEETING DATE** – June 4, 2019

**F. ADJOURNMENT** – 6:15 pm



Chairman Richard Lee