

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVE - CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

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

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

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Whitecotton, City-County Management Senior Fellowship Program, introduced himself and stated he is here to observe the City functions over the next week.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - June 4, 2019

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 4, 2019 as presented was made by Member Taylor and Seconded by Member Flesch. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Introduction of the New Superintendent

Bob Duquette, General Manager for Kemper Sports, introduced the new Cypress Head Golf Course Superintendent Ken Cascadden. Mr. Cascadden introduced himself to the Board and informed them that so far, he is just evaluating the course and deciding a plan of action as he has only been here two weeks.

Member Taylor spoke about her concerns with the past superintendents and the rollercoaster the course has been on. She asked Mr. Cascadden to rate the course on a scale from a 1-10, Mr. Cascadden responded that he is still new and learning the course but believes it's at a 5 1/2- 6 now and it's his goal to make the course the best it can be and avoid the mistakes from the past. His goal is to get it to a 7-7 ½ by the next time the Board meets.

Member Green welcomed Mr. Cascadden and touched on the troubles of finding man power, working with the budget and the struggles with the weather.

Chairman Lee asked Mr. Cascadden if he feels he has the man power and budget to get the course to a better standing. Mr. Cascadden responded that if he wasn't confident that he could get the course to where it should be, he wouldn't be here. Chairman Lee requested he manage the space between the two ponds on hole 17.

Member Cameron thanked Mr. Cascadden for coming and made sure he is aware of how to take care of Bermuda grass and Jones Dwarf. Member Cameron wanted to make sure the Boards expectations for conditions improving rapidly were tempered, as we are coming to a close on growing season. He also spoke to the troubles of finding people to hire, working with City Council and the Boards support of Mr. Cascadden.

Member Flesch asked about the leaning flag sticks and the pin positions on the greens. Mr. Cascadden replied that was a lack of training for staff and he has already started working on addressing it and the crew has been very receptive so far. Member Flesch suggested better maintenance on the waste area on hole 18.

4. Financial and Evaluation Reports

Mr. Duquette asked the Board if they had any questions on the provided reports.

Chairman Lee asked Mr. Duquette to look back at the numbers he plugs in himself as they are off.

5. Golf Course General Landscaping

Member Cameron submitted photos for the record of the problem areas on the course he feels need work. He is excited about Mr. Cascadden being here and hopes he fixes the issues.

Mr. Duquette agrees about the problem areas and would like stronger enforcement for people not respecting the course.

6. Resolution 92-32

Mr. Duquette spoke about the updated rules and the enforcement they have already implemented, such as prohibiting outside alcohol.

Chairman Lee asked for minor language adjustments on the rules.

Motion to approve Resolution 92-32 with staff recommended amendments was made by Member Taylor and Seconded by Member Flesch. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. Staff Comments

There were none.

8. Items for Next Agenda

Golf Course General Landscaping

Update from Ken Cascadden, Superintendent

Update from Reggie Hunter, Director of Sales & Marketing

Adopted budget discussion

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Green would like to see the golf course being monitored better. He also asked about why the beer cart person doesn't have a vehicle at the course. Ms. Lovallo explained that they are allowed to make up their hours per the contract. Mr. Duquette explained that they requested the beer cart come on the weekends when the course is busiest, but he has been having some trouble and they have stopped coming recently. Mr. Duquette will look into it again.

Chairman Lee was very impressed with how the Mayors tournament went.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 1, 2019

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:07pm



Chairman Richard Lee