

GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FL
OCTOBER 4, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Advisory Board was called to order by Alan Angelone, Chairman, at 5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Alan Angelone, Chairman/ Board Member
Bob Ford, Councilman/ Board Member
Jane Taylor, Board Member
John R. Cameron, Jr., Board Member
Richard Lee, Board Member
Dennis Flesch, Board Member

Also Present: Bob Duquette, Kemper Sports
Jason Chennault, Kemper Sports
Peter Ferreira, Assistant Parks Director
Robin Fenwick, City Clerk
Kelly McQuillen, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Jane Taylor, seconded by John Cameron to approve the minutes, correcting Councilman Ford to "Bob" in the August 9, 2016 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. USGA Report Implementation-

Member Cameron shared the report and spoke about issues at the course. He stated he is happy with greens being redone. He mentioned some minor issues and asked Bob Duquette, Kemper Sports, how we can get funding for the work to correct the issues that need to be done.

Richard Lee asked about trimming under the umbrella of a tree. Mr. Duquette said that they trim and prune it out usually in late November – December. He said that it was an expensive process to do tree work.

Discussion ensued about whether the City has a tree crew that would be able to assist with some of the Golf Course issues. Peter Ferreira, Assistant Parks Director, stated that the City does not have a Forestry Division. He explained that the Fiscal year 2017 City budget has been completed, stating that if the City can afford to fix some of the issues, we will, but if not, then it will be considered on the Fiscal year 2018 budget.

Member Taylor asked about collaborating with other municipal golf courses to help cut costs. Mr. Ferreira said that he is working on finding that out.

Member Cameron stated he wants to hear what a chief botanist has to say about the Golf Course. Member Taylor stated that she would like to see the Kemper Sports Plan. Mr. Duquette stated that he will get that outlined for the Board.

4. Watering Schedule for Course-

Mr. Ferreira stated that anytime demand exceeds supply, reclaimed water is used; referencing the St. Johns Water Agreement with the City. Member Taylor stated that the Golf Course was not without adequate water during the dry period. Mr. Duquette said roughs were 2nd, greens were always watered properly. Chairman Angelone asked about the water flow process and Mr. Ferreira explained that it is very similar to our homes by usage of pumps and pikes.

Discussion ensued about options to use when the water levels are low. There were questions about using well water, purchasing water and reclaimed water. Mr. Ferreira said that he will try to provide a report on exactly how the process works. Member Taylor said she didn't realize there was a well on the property and she asked if usage is a factor in determining how much water is allowed to be used and if there is a cost. Mr. Duquette said that there is only an electric cost for well water.

5. Security Issues-

Chairman Angelone asked Mr. Duquette if there was any feedback on signs. Mr. Duquette said he has seen some improvement and remarked that the number of calls about people on the course have decreased. He said the signs have helped.

Mr. Duquette stated that he contacted AAA Fencing Company to provide an estimate to protect the openings on the road from the point that the sidewalk ends, specifically from hole #8 to the Pump House. He said that hopefully, the vendor will visit this month to provide a quote. He said that fencing is a big budget item and he will bring the estimate to Mr. Ferreira. Member Lee stated that he is more inclined to see very thorny bushes that have palm growth and thick vegetation along the stretch.

Mr. Ferreira stated that the City will make the best decisions aesthetically and cost wise.

6. Golf Course Conditions Update

Mr. Duquette shared before and after photos of the golf course and explained the improvements to the Board.

Councilman Ford said wells are available and remarked that they are nowhere near not being able to use it. He stated at some point priorities must be addressed. His sense from colleagues is that it's too expensive for the grass to die, sharing that fairways and greens should be watered; not roughs during hard times.

Mr. Angelone suggested to keep conditions on agenda as an ongoing item.

7. Meeting Day and Location-

There is a tentative meeting location for December 6, 2016 due to the room having to be split in two for another meeting at the same time. The Board would like to keep the meeting date and time the same, but if another meeting room becomes available, the meeting will commence there and the Board will be notified in advance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Cameron said he sees improvement on the course.

Chairman Angelone stated that he was at the course today and it looks good. He said some tee boxes need nourishing.

Tony Delmonte stated that he has seen a tremendous amount of improvement.

Member Taylor wanted to remind everyone that Councilman Ford worked on getting this Board together for the past four years. She stated that the Board owes it to City not to violate any Sunshine Laws. She said that the Board can do a lot to make the golf course an asset to the city.

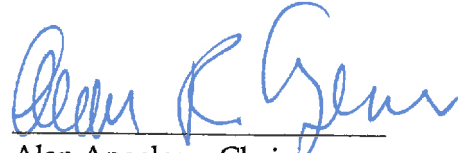
Councilman Ford stated that a majority of the costs are personnel and that won't deprive the golf course of fertilization.

Member Cameron shared a suggestion from a golfer to add a cup into the putting green. Mr. Duquette said he has different theories of thought, but said they can work on that. Member Cameron said he is just asking for one or two.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

December 6th meeting- will announce location at a later date.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 6:20 PM


Alan Angelone, Chairman