

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVE - CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 4, 2020 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Member Taylor to nominate Member Green for Chair, Seconded by Member Flesch. Member Green accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Member Taylor to nominate Member Lee for Vice Chairman, Seconded by Member Green. Member Lee accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Allan Krausz, 3801 S Atlantic Ave, is looking at purchasing a home in Cypress Head and likes the area, but is concerned about the future of the golf course and is here to get a feel for the direction it is headed.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. Consideration of Minutes - December 3, 2019

Motion to approve the Minutes from December 3, 2019 as presented was made by Member Cameron and Seconded by Member Taylor. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Sunshine Law & Public Records Training by City Clerk

Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk, provided information on Florida's Sunshine and public records laws.

5. Financial and Evaluation Reports

Bob Duquette, General Manager for Kemper Sports, provided an overview of the reports and answered questions from the Board. He informed the Board of the major project for the year which is to update and repair the 30-year-old irrigation system and a lot of the control boxes on the course.

6. Update on Superintendent

Mr. Duquette introduced the new Superintendent, Darren Bache, who answered questions from the Board.

Member Flesch and Member Taylor asked for easier pin placement for normal play. Mr. Bache responded sometimes they struggle to find good placement due to use and weather but will investigate better placement in the future.

Member Taylor asked for an updated on the fairways. Mr. Bache responded the only thing he has noticed is that there was some aggressive spot treatment to combat the weeds before he started, and the grass hasn't fully grown back in yet. He warned the Board things may get worse before they get better over the summer as they combat the weeds and encourage Bermuda grass growth. Member Taylor asked that the golf course get more aggressive about managing the cart traffic.

Vice Chair Lee addressed the barren spots even on the rough and would like to see those addressed.

Mr. Bache informed the Board that they are removing two trees on hole #2 to allow more sunshine, which should encourage better grass growth. Parks & Rec and Mr. Duquette have spoken with Sparks Concrete who is going to evaluate roughly 20 areas on the cart paths to determine how to properly fix the roots and concrete. Mr. Bache stated he is here to implement an agronomic plan that addresses fertility, pre-imposed weed control, aerification, insect control, etc. and is positive the course can get better and more consistent.

7. KemperSports Contract Renewal Discussion

Peter Ferreira, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director, provided a summary of the discussion and motion made at the last meeting and the recommendation going to City Council. Staff has investigated several municipal courses in Florida to evaluate their management styles and it seems the majority investigated are losing money.

Vice Chair Lee also did his own research and came to the same conclusion and suggested modeling the city's management style after more successful courses. He believes the Board owes it to the city to make sure the operating is the best it can be by investigating all options.

The Board would like to start the investigation into other management options sooner rather than later.

8. Staff Comments

Mr. Ferreira informed the Board that the Mayors Tournament is scheduled for the weekend before Father Day, June 20th.

Mr. Duquette informed the Board about the rule enforcement the course has begin implementing.

9. 2020 Proposed Meeting Dates

The Board agreed to remain with the current schedule of every other month.

10. Items for Next Agenda

Update on KemperSports Contract Renewal Results

Discussion on Golf Course Improvements

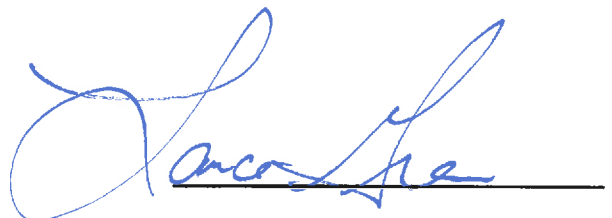
E. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Cameron asked for a list of municipal golf courses KemperSports manages in Florida. Matt Lindley, Regional Director for KemperSports, responded the only municipal course they manage in Florida is Cypress Head. Member Cameron stated that based on his research the majority of municipal owned golf courses are run by a city appointed manager.

Member Taylor discussed how good the restaurant is doing and the successful events they host. She would like to see it better promoted by the city.

F. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 7, 2020

G. ADJOURNMENT – 6:15pm



Chairman Lance Green