

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVE – CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
MARCH 4, 2025

THE REGULAR GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chair Richard Lee at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Richard Lee, Chair
Jane Taylor, Vice Chair
Michael Bagnato
Gary Brideau
Dennis Flesch

Also Present:

Kevin Sweat, Parks Manager
Christine Clowes,
Administrative Assistant

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion to nominate Chair Richard Lee to remain Chair was made by Vice Chair Jane Taylor and seconded by Member Dennis Flesch.

Chair Richard Lee accepted the nomination.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to nominate Vice Chair Jane Taylor to remain Vice Chair was made by Chair Richard Lee and seconded by Member Michael Bagnato.

Vice Chair Jane Taylor accepted the nomination.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. Consideration of Minutes: December 3, 2024

Motion to approve the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes as presented was made by Vice Chair Jane Taylor and seconded by Member Dennis Flesch. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Financial and Evaluation Reports from KemperSports

Jeff, Dayton, General Manager of Kemper Sports, provided an overview of the financials and answered questions from the board.

5. Update on Cart Paths

Darren Bache, Golf Course Superintendent, provided an update on the cart paths. The work has been completed, and everything looks great.

6. Update on Bunker Project

Kevin Sweat, Parks Manager, stated the bidding process is beginning. Finding a contractor is going to take some time but hopes to begin work by October. The project includes putting in new drainage, sand and sod. Mr. Bache answered questions regarding different kinds of sand to be used for the Bunker Project.

7. Market Update

Mr. Dayton confirmed the mailers to Venetian Bay, Sugar Mill, and New Smyrna have been sent out. The focus is still on the Orlando market, which is bringing in a lot of golfers. The course is also generating a decent amount of green fees from out-of-state visitors. The Tee Time setup on the website has been extended for the rest of the year but due to not working as expected, it will end in 2026. Mr. Dayton suggested offering a seasonal pass from May through September for tee times after 10:00 a.m., with 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. being a gap time. Regarding the start of Range passes, Mr. Dayton stated that this does not make sense until an artificial tee line is installed.

8. Staff Comments

Kevin Sweat, Parks Manager, believes a cart path from Woodhaven is not beneficial but is open to discussing a trail path if Woodhaven pays for it. Chair, Richard Lee, will check with Woodhaven to see if they support this idea. Mr. Dayton has concerns about drainage during hurricanes as well as storm drains. Vice Chair, Jane Taylor, noted drainage issues at hole number 8 and is concerned that Woodhaven's storm drain maintenance could affect the course.

9. Items for Next Agenda

Bunker Project Update
Marketing Plan Update

PUBLIC COMMENTS

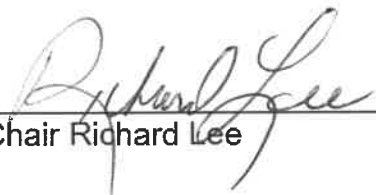
There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Taylor mentioned that the course is in good condition and the kitchen operations have improved. Member, Michael Bagnato concurred. Mr. Lee inquired about the possibility of blocking the view of the house by hole number 2 for better esthetics and inquired about adding flowering plants. Mr. Dayton responded it is not feasible.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:49 p.m.

10. Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2025
11. Board Report to City Council: March 4, 2025


Chair Richard Lee