

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVE – CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 2, 2025

THE REGULAR GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Vice Chair Jane Taylor at 5:23 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Jane Taylor, Vice Chair (Arrived at 5:22 PM)
Michael Bagnato
Dennis Flesch
Gary Brideau

Absent: Richard Lee, Chair (Unexcused)

Also Present: Kevin Sweat, Parks Manager
Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director
Christine Clowes, Sr. Administrative Assistant

DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. Consideration of Minutes - September 2, 2025

Motion to approve the September 2, 2025, meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Michael Bagnato and seconded by Member, Dennis Flesch. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Restaurant Report - John Springer from Flagsticks

John Springer, Flagsticks General Manager and Owner, provided an overview of current operations, recent improvements, and future goals, noting ongoing challenges. Members shared their concerns regarding the restaurant.

Vice Chair Jane Taylor stated that she had anticipated Mr. Springer would present a comprehensive business plan for the restaurant to City Council. She noted that the plan was expected to outline current initiatives and identify specific strategies to improve operational efficiency, rather than providing only a brief overview.

Member Flesch proposed tabling the discussion to allow Mr. Springer to submit a formal business plan within 30 days for the City to review, which Members agreed to.

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, noted that Mr. Springer will present a proposal outlining his restaurant needs for board approval.

5. Financial and Evaluation Reports from KemperSports

Jeff Dayton, General manager of KemperSports, provided an overview of the financial evaluation reports and answered board members questions.

6. Bunker Project Update

Darren Bache, Golf Course Superintendent, reported that progress on the project is moving more slowly than anticipated. He noted that additional assistance is required to bring the project back on schedule, particularly to manage finishing details.

Mr. Bache advised that the installation of drainage, gravel, and sand is proceeding well.

Member Gary Brideau inquired about the overall progress of the project. Mr. Bache responded that approximately one-third of the work has been completed and that he anticipates the project will be finished by winter.

7. Staff Comments

Kevin Sweat, Parks Manager, advised the painting and new roof of the Car Park will begin soon.

Vice Chair Taylor stated that the restaurant is a reflection of the overall golf course and expressed concerns regarding the attire of the restaurant staff.

Mr. Sweat and Ms. Lovallo confirmed that this issue has been addressed with Mr. Springer.

Vice Chair Taylor also inquired about the City's responsibilities in relation to the restaurant. Mr. Sweat clarified that the City is responsible for the walk-in freezer and the air conditioning unit, while Mr. Springer is responsible for all other operational aspects.

8. Items for Next Agenda

- Restaurant Report
- Bunker Update
- Financial Report
- Spring Improvements Update
- Pay-as-You-Go Cart Fees/Personal Cart Usage

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nino Dipilato, homeowner at Cypress Head, proposed amending the current golf cart usage policy to include a pay-as-you-go option for homeowners who use their personal carts but do not play enough rounds to justify spending the annual trail fee. Under the proposed amendment, homeowners who play around 30 rounds of golf per year would pay the standard cart and green fees per round, maintain the required proof of insurance, and be permitted to use their own carts. This approach provides greater flexibility,

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eliminates the inconvenience of transferring clubs, and allows homeowners to benefit from features such as climate-controlled enclosures, ultimately enhancing the golfing experience while maintaining fairness and safety.

Ms. Lovallo stated that the item could be added to the next agenda upon agreement of the board. From there the board can move forward. The board consented.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Brideau advised the members of some areas needing attention to include the bridges around the course, three poles which have failed at the driving range, and the netting.

Member Bagnato expressed appreciation for everyone's efforts, stating that Kempersports is doing a great job.

Mr. Flesch cautioned the board against focusing too much on the restaurant, emphasizing that time should be spent on golf and allowing the City to manage the restaurant.

Ms. Lovallo emphasized the importance of sharing any feedback with the City that the board may receive so that the concerns can be promptly addressed.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:16 PM

9. Next Meeting Date: March 3, 2026

10. Board Report to City Council: December 2, 2025



Vice Chair Jane Taylor