Wilmington Municipal Golf Course

Advisory Board

June 10, 2024, Meeting

**Attendance:**

Jeff Darby, Joseph Anthony, Richard King, Charles Woodell, Tony Upchurch, Steve Bridges, Louise McColl, Craig Davis, Chris Dean, David Donovan, Matt Smith

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Darby at 5:00pm

The April 2024 meeting minute with attachments: A motion was made by Joseph Anthony to approve the March minutes. A Second was made by Tony Upchurch with all members voting in favor of the motion.

**Budget Committee**

Budget passed on first reading City Council on June 4, 2024.

**Greens/Grounds Committee**

A report was handed out and reviewed by Richard King (See Handout}

The course is in overall great shape!

Course Priorities was discussed by the members concerning the following list:

1. Greens
2. Fairways
3. Tees
4. Bunkers
5. Rough

Discussion of short-term projects over the next several months:

1. Replace weak turf area in front of #1 green
2. Install additional drainage at the bottom of #3 fairway
3. Repair bunker areas damaged by rake machine exiting
4. Rebuild bunker front right of green #7
5. Rebuild bunker right and left side of green #8

Staff have been reducing the size of the tee areas to help move golfers around to reduce some of the damage to these areas.

Jeff Darby asked about the golf course using the city tree contract, Matt Smith said that City tree crews came out and removed the 4 most dangerous trees. The golf course will be a part of next fiscal year’s tree contract. This contract will include tree root and tree limb pruning.

Jeff Darby asked about the installation on wire grass. Matt Smith explained that the wire grass will be planted after the new irrigation system is installed.

The Wilmington Municipal Golf Course is a Donald Ross design so the board discussed the style of the golf course should be more to the Donald Ross design like Pinehurst #2 with sanding areas and natural wire grass.

**Marketing Committee**

No Report

On similar note Tony Upchurch brought up with 65,000 rounds generates a lot of recycling material, Should the course be more environmentally conscious? David Donovan will bring back information concerning recycling at the course.

**Friends of Muni (FOM)**

1. Still working to move the starter house to the golf course.
2. The installation of the acoustical tiles will be completed by the end of June at a cost of approximately $10,000.
3. Coolers have been installed.
4. FOM will be replacing the conference room chairs.

**City of Wilmington**

No Report

**Pro’s Report**

A details Pro’s Report was handed out and reviewed by David Donovan (See Attachment)

Highlights:

1. Sales for May 2024 set a record amount of $271,319! May 2024 surpassed May 2023 by $45,790.
2. Tony Upchurch brought up that Pine Valley Country Club will be renovating their course in 2026 and players could be coming to the Muni during that timeline.

**Golf Course Update**

A details Maintenance Report was handed out and reviewed by Matt Smith (See Attachment)

Highlights:

1. Staff finally got the golf course fertilized on Thursday June 6th so things should really start shaping up in the coming weeks.
2. On Tuesday June 11th staff will have received all the bids for the new irrigation system project, so we are looking forward to moving a step closer to this project starting soon.

**Unfinished Business**

Jeff Darby asked for an update on the golf cart contract. David Donovan will bring information to the next meeting.

**New Business**

Richard King suggested putting up a sign at the front desk to make players aware that the course will be closed July 16-19 for aeration and Verti cutting of all Greens, Tees, and Fairways.

**Municipal Golf Association (MGA)**

No Report

**Adjournment**

Joseph Anthony moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Craig Davis and was approved by all members at 5:55pm.