

***Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
April 15, 2014
5:30 p.m.***

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on April 15, 2014, at the Park & Recreation Office Conference Room, 2005 1st Avenue, Kearney NE 68847. Present were: Tim Hughbanks, Chairman; Board Members Ken Nikels, Pam Pearson, and Nick Erdman. Absent: Kim Smith, Don Johnson. City Staff present was Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Dan Knipping, Golf Superintendent; and Robyn Bowman, Recording Secretary.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairman and Board Members of the Golf Advisory Board. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Golf Advisory Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Hughbanks announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted towards the back of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Pearson, seconded by Erdman, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on January 21, 2014 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Kim Smith, Don Johnson. Motion carried.

TOUR CLUBHOUSE

Golf Course Manager James reviewed the work that has been completed on the clubhouse remodel. The changes include: popcorn ceiling redone, new carpet, new light fixtures, new counter tops, paint throughout the entire building and tile in concession area and bathrooms. Staff is getting bids on new tables and chairs for concession area. Plans are to purchase high tops along bottom with some round tables for bigger groups to sit together.

The grill area on the west side of the clubhouse was damaged by the wind and the gas line was broken. James reported that the gas line will be repaired next week so the grill will be available when leagues begin.

REVIEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Director Hayden told the board that TL & Son's out of Lexington received the bid for construction of the maintenance building which came in around \$270,000. Work should begin in early May and plans are for completion by the end of July. The building will be taller than the original shop but about ½ the overall size. The height will allow for a lift to be used for vehicle maintenance which the current shop does not have. The plans also include attached bathrooms for public use, indoor wash bay, and a stairway that leads to storage above the office and break room. The existing building will be fixed to allow for storage of vehicles and maintenance equipment. The contractor that won the bid to repair the old shop is RMV Construction for around \$60,000.

STAFF REPORTS

The board received a report showing Season Pass and Punch Cards sold during the past 5 years. The report showed numbers down but James stated he felt the punch card purchases will go up once league play begins. The board also reviewed Actual Rounds or Projected Rounds for the past 5 years. This report showed rounds were steady averaging around 30,000 rounds per year. Leagues are filling up or are full. Business league has 36 teams (144 players) and is full; Ladies League has 50 players; Men's league Thursday nights has 60 teams (120 players) and is full. Other organized nights include: Friday Couple's Night which will start May 16 on a monthly basis, and Sunday Family nights – held weekly starting June 8 and ending in August.

James told the board that he is researching golfnow.com for online reservation team times, marketing, web site, online pro-shop, and POS in trade for 2 tee times a day on Golf Channel. This would be for a 2 year agreement. They set up the web site which would be linked to the city's web site. By doing this we save \$1,500 which is what we pay now per year for our POS System called FORE Reservations.

The maintenance division report was given by Knipping who reported that he was holding off seeding the course until soil is 55 degrees. Staff has been over-seeding tees, fairways, greens and range. Knipping reported that he has been talking to UNL and seed dealers on the drought situation statewide and concerns on the greens. Between the lack of moisture and the wind the greens are suffering. Knipping plans on getting them back in good conditions with slicing and over-seeding.

Both division have been in the process of hiring their seasonal staff.

PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

No report.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Erdman, seconded by Nikels. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Absent: Kim Smith, Don Johnson. Motion carried.

ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY