

***Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
April 20, 2015
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 20, 2015, at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68847. Present were: Tim Hughbanks, Chairman; Ken Nikels, Vice-Chairman; Board members: Pam Pearson, Chet Graham, Jim Van Amburg, Nick Erdman. 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 27, 2015 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT

The board reviewed actual/project rounds for the past 5-years. Rounds in October and March were both above what was projected. Golf Course Manager James reported the course being \$68,000 ahead of the previous year at this time. He felt this was due to the pre-sale of elite passes. There were 24 elite passes sold.

The Action List was reviewed by James with the board. It was noted that several items have been completed including the new maintenance shop/golf course restroom building, clubhouse updates, leveling tee boxes and constructing a bunker on practice range, other items that are ongoing projects include: cart paths, tree removal and plantings. The Capital Improvement list included a new irrigation pump which is budgeted for 2016.

GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT

Staff is working on landscaping around the new maintenance building. So far Curb-It has completed the curbing and staff will either sod or seed the area. Overall the course is in good shape with a couple of areas that may need seeded. Staff will evaluate later in the week to determine if this needs done. The 14-green was discussed extensively with ideas on how to protect it during the winter. The wind off the lake is damaging to the green. Ideas discussed included: covering the green and using temporary green during winter months or moving pins around. Staff will review options. The golf superintendent is still writing a blog to keep members informed of what is going on with the course.

DISCUSS MEETING TIMES AND DATES

Staff suggested changing the meeting months to August, November, February, May and moving the meeting to Monday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. The board agreed with these changes. The next meeting will be on August 17th with a time change of 4:00 p.m. for this one meeting and will be held at the Clubhouse.

REPORTS/COMMENTS

Graham reported that a railroad tie was loose on number 6. He also mentioned that a member asked him about possibly getting larger trash cans on the course. The smaller ones fill quickly and trash ends up blowing around the course.

Hughbanks asked if it was possible to eliminate five-somes from playing during the twilight special. James stated he would review the request, but our goal is to try and grow the game of golf so five-somes are allowed through-out the day.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Erdman, and seconded by Nikels. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY