

***Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
August 24, 2015
4:00 p.m.***

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on August 24, 2015, at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68847. Present were: Board members: Pam Pearson, Jim Van Amburg, Nick Erdman, Gary Chramosta. Absent: Ken Nikels and Chet Graham. City Staff present; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Dan Knipping, Golf Superintendent; and Scott Bruha, Assistant Golf Services Manager.

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

Board Member Pearson 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 April 20, 2015, be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Ken Nikels and Chet Graham. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Pearson nominated Nikels for Chairman, Chramosta seconds the nomination. Pearson nominated Erdman for Vice Chairman, with Van Amburg seconded the nomination. No other nomination were made. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried

GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT

The board reviewed actual/projected rounds for the past 5-years. Rounds for October through July remained steady except for several spring rain days especially in May canceling leagues and tee times. James reported that the course still has several tournaments scheduled before October 1. Van Amburg questioned why punch cards expire at the end of season instead of when they are used up. James stated that Punch Cards sold at a discount and should expire at the end of the season. If an individual purchased a Punch Card and can't redeem all their punches then that individual may share his or her punches. Erdman mentioned that Meadowlark offers more fees than a lot of other courses in the area.

James reviewed the Action List with the board. It was noted that several items have been completed and if they have any ideas or suggestions to please report back at the next meeting. Graham called James earlier in the day and wanted to add to the Action List to repair the steps leading up to the sixth tee boxes. James commented that we should probably pour a cart path on top of the hill east of the tees to accommodate all tee boxes and will add that to our Action List.

GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT

Staff completed landscaping around the new maintenance building. Overall the course is in

good shape with a couple of areas that may need seeded. Staff is planning on putting in a greens nursery north of the shop this fall. Erdman stated that it would be nice to have the greens nursery on the range. Staff will evaluate. The plan this fall/winter is to heavily sand the greens to try to prevent winter kill. The golf superintendent is still writing a blog to keep members informed of what is going on with the course.

REPORTS/COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made Pearson, and seconded by Van Amburg. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Ken Nikels and Chet Graham. Motion carried.

ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY