

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING

January 10, 2022
4:30 PM, Via Zoom

Present: Jeff Gallant, Aleksander Dernalowicz, David Noyes, Ann Twohig, Mike Budwick

In Attendance: Dan Berry, Bill Frank

Minute Taker: Sue Motta

Jeff Gallant called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Jeff asked if there were any changes from the 12/13/21 minutes, there were none. David Noyes made a motion to approve the minutes, Ann Twohig seconded. *5-0 so voted.*

Old Business: None

New Business: Election of officers.

Chairman: Dave Noyes made a motion to nominate Jeff Gallant, Aleksander Dernalowicz seconded.

Financial Secretary: Mike Budwick made a motion to nominate Aleksander Dernalowicz, Dave Noyes seconded.

Secretary: Aleksander Dernalowicz made a motion to nominate Mike Budwick, Dave Noyes seconded.

All motions were voted on collectively, *5-0 so voted.*

Correspondence: None

Dan Berry Update:

Dan sent everyone information from Mass Golf on the new Ghin system. Dave Noyes questioned if all golf courses would be charging the same and Dan stated that he believes this is the reason for the new system. Dave's concern is that with this increase in the Ghin fee some people may not be interested in purchasing Ghin. Others expressed the same concern about scaring people off as well. Dan feels it would be easier to make the cutover all at once and for this year we could request a coupon making the cost for this year \$45.00. Dan will start the process of getting coupons so there is not such a drastic difference in the cost of the Ghin.

Dan also brought up the possibility of increasing green's fees. Dave Noyes asked what our competitors are doing. Dan said he thinks other towns are a little lower. Bill said he was looking at other courses and he can discuss what others are doing and the possibility of an increase with Dan.

William Frank Update:

Jeff Prinn's retirement figure came in and it's just under \$20,000.00

For the equipment purchases we are going to go with Toro from Turf Products. This was the highest quality of the equipment that was demonstrated, and pricing was all relatively the same for all the equipment. The fairway mower is on backorder and looks to be delayed for about a year. Pricing could fluctuate plus or minus 5% which is currently standard across manufacturers at this time. The finance committee meets Thursday to discuss purchasing this equipment, we are sending a letter to the Mayor that states we have \$373,000.00 in surplus and we would be taking appropriately \$193,000.00 for the purchase of this equipment and pay it outright. This was reviewed and approved by the city auditor.

Commission Members' Comments and Reports:

Ann asked the status of the restaurant bids and Jeff noted he was going to talk to the purchasing manager about getting the restaurant out for bid.

Chairman's Comments and Reports: None

Financials:

Regarding receipts Jeff Gallant did a comparison from last year to this year and noted last year's receipts were approximately \$550,000.00 and this year it's at about \$450,000.00 which is about half our budget, so we appear to be on track. Expenses were about \$380,000.00 with the only extraordinary cost was the windows which was about \$15,000.00, all other expenses are normal, and we have a surplus of about \$90,000.00.

Jeff mentioned the budget that was submitted at about \$864,000.00 which will likely be changed when reviewed by the Mayor. Items in the budget that were increased are gas & oil, sales and use tax on golf carts, and credit card fees. Items in the budget that were decreased are chemicals and water usage based on the previous year's usage.

Dave Noyes made a motion to accept the financials, Mike Budwick seconded. *5-0 so voted.*

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022, at 4:30 PM to be held via Zoom.

Mike Budwick made a motion to adjourn, Dave Noyes seconded. *5-0 so voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Motta