



CITY OF HELENA
Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board
Time Stamped Summary: January 21, 2025 - 12:00 PM
City County Building 316 N Park Ave Room 426
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(00:00:00) Call to Order by President Jack Gregg / Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and the following responded present:

Board Members:

Jack Gregg

Chris Smith

Susan Court

Rob Logsdon

Nicholas Balcken

Absent:

Jeremy Verhasselt

Leagues:

Kathy McDonald – Ladies League - absent

Doug Olson – Mens League - absent

City Staff:

Parks Director Doug Smith

Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer

Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link

Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen

Parks Administrative Assistant Heather Kahler

Guests:

Dr. G

Robert Schlack

(00:01:00) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

No public comment.

(00:01:13) Minutes –

A. December 17, 2024

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Nicholas moved to accept the November minutes, Chris seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

- A. (00:02:00) Officer Roles and Terms – Jack encouraged board members to attend training provided by the city. Danae Clayborn clarified the terms of officers whom shall be elected at the first meeting of the calendar year. There are no term limits on office holders.
- B. (00:08:40) – Election of Officers – Officer elections for calendar year 2025 were held. Jack is willing to continue as president. Motion by Chris, seconded by Rob to nominate Jack as president. All in favor, motion passed. Chris is willing to continue as vice president. Motion by Jack, seconded by Nicholas to nominate Chris as vice president. All in favor, motion passed. Susan is willing to continue as secretary. Motion by Jack, seconded by Chris to nominate Susan as secretary. All in favor, motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- A. (00:12:07) Water Stations – Jeremy was not in attendance, therefore no update report. The board explored fundraising ideas, including a golf course tournament fundraiser, a hole-in-one event, and a “deuce pot” system, with a focus on raising funds for water coolers.
- B. (00:38:45) Public Comment – none.

Reports

- A. Parks Director
(00:39:00) Director Doug Smith did not have anything to report.
- B. Golf Course Superintendent
(00:39:30) Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link reported that there is a lot of X-country ski activity on the groomed trails. He had also witnessed bike trails through sand bankers, next to tees and greens; an issue with motorbikes and bikes riding on the course. Doug shared that on November 1 the golf course becomes a city park with the same use policies as other city parks. Todd to work with the city’s public information officer on a press release about the golf course’s winter use as a city park. Steve reported that a \$50K grant for trees has been submitted, and the the city has submitted a grant on behalf of the golf course for a pond liner. He hasn’t heard anything on either grant at this time.
- C. Golf Pro/Operations
(00:47:26) Golf Course Operations Manager Todd Fitterer reported that the stimulated have been struggling because of outdated software. Todd will oversee the simulator upgrade project scheduled for July 8 at a total cost of \$55K. A down payment of \$15K has been paid. The new upgrade will come with an annual license for technical support, upgrades, and games at a cost of \$2K. The 2025 tournament calendar is pretty much full for this golf season. Todd also shared that in comparison to last year, the golf course revenue is seeing an increase of \$70K.
- D. (01:02:18) Ladies League – no report.

Mens League – Todd met with the Mens League last week and everything is pretty much the same as last year. There are two team openings for Monday play.

(01:03:00) Public Comment (Items not on this agenda)

(01:03:26) Member Communications-Announcements / Proposals for next Agenda – (February 18, 2025) Nicholas to send his resignation letter from the Golf Advisory Board to the city clerk as he is moving out of the city.

(01:04:37) Adjournment. Rob moved that the January meeting be adjourned, Nicholas seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

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