



CITY OF HELENA
Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board
Time Stamped Summary: August 20, 2024 - 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

Zoom attendees:

Art Pembroke

Absent:

Nicholas Balcken

Rob Logsdon

Additional guests and members of the public present:

Kathy McDonald-representing Women's League

Doug Olson-representing Men's League

Bob Schlack

City Staff:

Parks Director Doug Smith – not in attendance

Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer

Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link

Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen

Parks Administrative Assistant Heather Kahler

(00:01:35) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

No public comment.

(00:01:45) Minutes –

A. July 16, 2024 Time stamped summary link:

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Susan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting, Chris seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

- A. (00:02:37) Discussion of 2024 Financials. Tod reported on the end of year financials through a presentation of the year-to-date budget report. In summary, a \$67K financial gain. He is close to finalizing the online tee process. Doug suggested an idea for increasing revenue might be a credit card charge of 1.5-2% to offset the credit card fees and as a means to build capital revenue for equipment replacement.
- B. (00:16:40) Weed Control Discussion. Steve gave an informative and excellent presentation regarding maintaining the irrigation system; golf course challenges and solutions; golf course maintenance; grass types and conditions; and weed control strategies. The excessive heat this summer (above 85 degrees) has prevented spraying for weeds. Steve has worked many late hours/early mornings to keep weeds at bay and check on different parts of the irrigation system where dry grass may be appearing dry. Pictures were shown of grass damage by golf cart users not using the designated cart paths for driving on or parking on.
- C. (00:38:00) Public Comment – none.

Unfinished Business

(00:38:34) - none

Reports

- A. Parks Director
(00:38:50) Director Doug Smith was not in attendance.
- Golf Course Superintendent
(00:39:00) Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link reported that all golf cart brakes are disengaging properly. He and Bryce were not able to duplicate the issue reported by some cart users; just need to fully depress the gas pedal. A new compressor for blowout of the irrigation system will be rented for use this fall. The compressor has a large capacity, is more efficient, and can move water at 1300 cfm. Butte Country Club also rents this compressor.
- (00:43:02) Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer reported cart damage in a rollover and by being raced down the fairways. Speed will be reduced on the carts this winter. Tod reported on driving range performance and issues. Crows are carrying balls to a house along Benton Ave. Tod reported on the driving net replacement and that fewer range balls are being stolen this season as compared to last. Tod reported on upcoming tournaments, X-country meets, preparation for winter simulator use, golf course closure on November 1, and staff hiring.

Leagues

- (01:00:49) Kathy McDonald-Women's League: Kathy reported that ladies league play concludes this week with the playing of a derby.
- (01:01:00) Doug Olson-Men's League: Doug reported that mens league play concludes next week with the team playoffs.

(01:01:20) Public Comment (Items not on this agenda) – none.

(01:01:24) Member Communications-Announcements / Proposals for next Agenda – (September 17, 2024)

(01:01:37) Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

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