

## **GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **April 8, 2009 MINUTES**

ATTENDEES: Allan Morrison, Roger Snodgrass, Suzanne Gebhards, Hank McCauley, Eric McCormick, Tim Swanson, JJ Johnson.

SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT: Eric McCormick

- City Council 2010 Budget Preparation April 17. Roger will attend with Eric since Bob can't make it. Committee chairs give reports. Lindley will propose a forgiveness of Golf Course long term debt. This will help balance the budget and clear up confusion in accounting for the city. Lindley will also propose tax base could be going toward golf course (city property) for capital improvements.
- Ozone generator needs repair. New cost is \$79,000. Looking into grant options.
- Started clearing greens – nine completed as of today. Can use walk behind blowers now that snow is soft. Black sand under ice created nice air pocket on greens. WSU has snow mold plots on practice green, most show no mold. So far no bad greens. Very optimistic about all greens. Covers are on and hoping to airify the first of May. At this point hoping to open by Memorial Day.
- LOT committee responded with a 10% reduction of funds that have not yet been paid out. Eric has developed a plan to account for LOT short falls.
- Will have less crew this season. Have rehired most of the crew from last year.

PROFESSIONAL'S REPORT: Allan Morrison

- Sheppard's Home has committed to Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> for their benefit tournament.
- Fosdick has committed to Aug 9<sup>th</sup> for their benefit tournament.
- Will open the restaurant on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the public, special function on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Still hosting 3-4 functions in April.
- Pre-booking tee times: Allen prefers to take no new action and continue to allow booking one month in advance and further out for larger groups. Discovered more no shows from 'week before' bookings. Proposing a better job of touching base with group bookings to confirm tee times. Red flag repeat offenders of "No shows."

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Hank brought up rough conditions on Cedar. Eric responded by stating that grass won't grow any thicker to help prevent balls rolling into hazards.
- Suzanne brought up discussion of editing the Agenda Items to more closely reflect times discussion topics are necessary.
- Next meeting May 13, 2009. Topic is: Review golf course superintendent's annual budget request and work plans.