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Meeting Minutes - Approved GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 2019

4:00 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Parkway

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Golf Subcommittee was held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.
Members Present: Joanne Dye; Robert Dye; James Kopp; Madelyn Leopold; Warren Onken; Dan Smith; and Claudia Standorf.
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Ryan Brinza; and Theran Steindl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Onken, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the April 26, 2018 Golf Subcommittee Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Motion made by Onken, seconded by Kopp, to Refer the approval of the December 6, 2018 Minutes to the next Golf Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Kopp would like to be provided further clarification on insurance and FEMA funds for flood damage.

Kopp made a motion to provide Subcommittee Minutes seven (7) days after Golf Subcommittee meetings. Discussion ensues regarding City meeting standards and requirements for notification. Kopp withdrew the motion.

Staff is instructed to follow up with Golf Subcommittee by sending a link to the legistar website to the Golf Subcommittee following this meeting for ease of receiving information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dan Smith allowed Registered Speakers regarding Agenda Item 7, Legislative File 49608 to speak at this time.

Registered Speaker Tom Stoebig spoke in support of golf subsidy and if no subsidy is given, to close Yahara Hills Golf Course.

Registered Speaker Liz Dannenbaum spoke in support of maintaining the Monona Golf Course.

Registered Speaker Jim O'Toole spoke in support of maintaining the golf courses.

Registered Speaker Joe Loehnis of The First Tee of South Central Wisconsin spoke in support of maintaining the golf courses.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Joanne Dye and Dan Smith will recuse from any motions or votes involving The First Tee.

NEW BUSINESS**55741** 2019 Golf Update

East Golf Operations Supervisor Theran Steindl provided a 2019 year-to-date season update as well as past revenue and weather data. Specifically, rain dates and lost days of golf at Yahara and Odana, including days that courses were not able to run cart traffic. Steindl also provided information regarding the new Point of Sale implementation and features, maintenance updates, and the Season Tee-Off Party summary.

55434 Preliminary 2018 Financials

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp spoke regarding FEMA coverage for flooding in 2018. Knepp also spoke regarding golf revenue and expense accounts over time and that current liabilities exceeded assets for the first time. Knepp also spoke to the current operating model and its unsustainability.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**49608** Future of Golf Enterprise Operations

Knepp spoke regarding the Golf Task Force that is to be implemented by Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway. Knepp is uncertain of who will be on task force, but the hope is that the representation is wide-spread with substantial golf representation at the table. Individuals having interest in being a part of the task force should contact parks@cityofmadison.com to express their interest. Currently, there is no time-table for when the creation of the task force will happen.

Conversation and questions arose regarding issues with the golf enterprise fund and transitioning into the general fund. Questions arose from the Golf Subcommittee that they believe the task force should take up, including the ramifications on the finance side should the enterprise be absorbed by the general fund, how to take a look at current accounting procedures, and what a restructure would look like.

The subcommittee looks to recommend a member to be appointed to the task force. No recommendation was made.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Smith, seconded by Standorf, to Adjourn at 5:39 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.