

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 5, 2019

The Carbondale Park District's Golf Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Hickory Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse at Hickory Ridge Golf Course, 2727 W. Glenn road, Carbondale, IL.

PRESENT: Chuck Vaught, Elaine Vitello, Brian Matzenbacher, Mike Curtis and Board Commissioner Jane Adams.
Absent: Kay Brechtelsbauer, Dominic Cittadino, John Washburn, Stan Curtis, Trey Anderson and Mike Day.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October 1, 2019 meetings were approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:** No report, play is complete for the year.
2. **MEN'S ASSOCIATION:** No report, play is complete for the year.
3. **SENIOR ASSOCIATION:** No report, play is complete for the year.
4. **GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Trey Anderson was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following information on course conditions for the committee:
 1. The greens were aerified on October 8 and 9, 2019. Dr. Sam Indorante from SIU will analyze core samples and the information gained from this analysis will be used to plan for the 2020 season.
 2. Granular fertilizer was applied after the greens were aerified to promote healing and root development.
 3. The zoysia grass in the fairways has gone dormant for the year.
 4. The staff continues to repair sprinkler heads. Some sprinkler heads are repaired rather than replaced. This approach can be less expensive than an outright replacement and it saves maintenance funds.
 5. The maintenance staff has also repaired leaks in the main irrigation line in three separate several areas.
 6. The bunkers continue to be an issue. Staff is spraying to eliminate the unwanted vegetative growth.
 7. The seasonal staff's last day in November 1, 2019.
 8. Winterizing the irrigation system is scheduled to be done the week after Thanksgiving.
 9. Trey is planning on attending an educational training session offered by WaterTronics. The training will focus on repairing Hickory Ridge's irrigation pump station. This will allow the startup, shutdown and other average repairs to be done in-house rather than be performed by an outside contractor. Prior repairs were done by a contractor from the St. Louis area, but he has retired. Other contractors are available but they are farther away and would have to travel longer distances to service the pump station and would therefore be more expensive.
5. **GOLF PROFESSIONAL'S REPORT:** No report. Mike Day did not attend the meeting.
6. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The committee reviewed the August and September 2019 financial reports.
7. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** None
8. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**
 1. The committee recommends that management develop a structured formal payment/multi payment schedule with specific due dates for the sale of season passes. Currently some pass holders are paying "as they go" without specific due dates. Some outstanding balances are apparently being carried late into the year. This makes the collection process difficult for the Golf Operations staff.

2. The committee recommends that the golf superintendent develop a systematic multi year plan to repair and rebuild the sand bunkers at Hickory Ridge. The plan should review and evaluate the condition of the bunkers then prioritize which bunkers would be rebuilt first given manpower and budgetary restraints. This would establish an orderly process to determine which bunkers would be rebuilt in the near future. Bunkers with a lower priority would have additional sand added to them, when needed, until they move up the priority list to be rebuilt.

3. The committee recommends that the golf superintendent review and evaluate the condition of the equipment used by the maintenance staff. The purpose is to prioritize the equipment to develop an orderly multi year equipment replacement plan. Much of the equipment is of similar age. This approach would spread out the cost of replacing the equipment over an extended period of time rather than end up with larger cash outflows in any one or two fiscal years. Again, this would be subject to the budgetary constraints of the District.

NEXT MEETING: May 5, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:57 p.m.