

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
Monday, May 23, 2022
Noon at Nemadji Greenside Grille and Remotely via ZOOM*

Members Present: Barb Hoag (Chair), Troy Clark (Vice Chair), Lindsey Graskey, William Anderson, Jack Sweeney (City Council Representative), & Tylor Elm (Alt City Council Representative)

Advisory Members and Others Present: Linda Cadotte, Tom Beaudry, Vince Dodge, Jon Cheshire

Members Excused: N/A

Golf course meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call was done.

1.1 Introductions

Chair Hoag asked all attendees state full name and association with being an appointed member of the Golf Course Committee. Sweeney prompted discussion on who is the council representative on this committee. Clarification was made by Graskey and Hoag, as Sweeney and Elm (as the alternate) represent the City Council while Graskey represents as the non-golfer appointment. Let the record reflect, Graskey was appointed by Mayor Paine prior to becoming a city councilor and will fill her term as such. After clarification, Vice-Chair Clark asked for this clarification be updated to the current Nemadji website to connect current members who is on this committee.

2. Seeking approval of the April 25, 2022 Golf Course Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Graskey, seconded by Clark and carried, to approve the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

3. Old Business

No old business to report. Sweeney acknowledged his absence from the April 25th meeting and inquired about the current status of the golf simulator. Beaudry confirmed simulator is on track to be installed and up and running by November 2022.

4. New Business

Discussion of simulator continued, along with a report by Beaudry on the impact by of Kemper's new social media manager making impactful video buzz and seeing numbers climb in exposure to the course and it's happenings.

5. Recurring Business

5.1 General Manager's Report with Profit/Loss statement

Beaudry reported weather impacted a late start to the season in April. Along with supply chain issues, website challenges, and clubhouse turnover, continue to be the top three concerns.

True Review is going strong with a continuous almost 5 star rating when surveys are filled out. Continuing investment into the kitchen & buffet equipment will bring a better dining experience & efficiency to the current momentum of the Greens View Grille.

Payroll is higher than normal due to training new employees. The initial hired chef has stepped down, but current staff have stepped up to fill the current kitchen's needs. Beaudry expressed the need for PM help in the kitchen. The long term goal for Fridays & Saturdays are still to design an elevated dining option with dinner options.

Memberships are up 10% from 2021 at this time. The staff look forward to a great turn out for the Memorial Day Tournament Event being held May 28 & 29, 2022.

Sweeney asked if any trends were evolving in the game of golf. Chesire commented 18% growth in golf nationally while 11% growth in reintroduction to the game of golf is also being seen. Beaudry expressed a trend in 3/6/9 leagues.

Sweeney requested top 3 concerns be added back to the agenda under the recurring business section. He also requested that Dodge provide details on the equipment inventory to be able to reference when deciding the upcoming budget proposals.

Sweeney clarified the need for questioning the process of the installation of the irrigation system and its current status/cost. The need for communication is key to council along with how this cost compares to other municipalities of our size. Kemper staff assured it's awareness and reiterated their experience with such systems from doing so on their other growing courses.

5.2 Superintendent - Grounds/Maintenance Report

Dodge reported positive enthusiasm with a full staff. Golf ball washers are to be added on the course and discussion on proper placement. Permanent placement is hard due to clay environments throughout the grounds. Club washers are on their way as well. Vince asked for league presidents to monitor questions or suggestions on best placements from members.

Dodge discussed the plan for new cart paths on the grounds. Elm asked if the new compost material's lifetime since it is a relatively new process. Vice Chair Clark asked if the new process was prone to slipping in wet conditions. Hoag asked the installation timeframe. Dodge quoted about a 2 week process for the whole job or a hole by hole process where 2-3 holes could be met in 3 days. Sweeney stated this process was quality over time vs fast fix with a low future. Sweeney stated Kemper has the reputation as a good place to work & we ought to continue this level with what we invest into new cart paths. Dodge stated if done right, we could see a 20% less cost with this process. Cadotte asked for the bid's broken down costs per 9 holes and that the project needed to be bid out unless it was determined to be a proprietary product. Elm inquired if there was consensus to bond with this cost at hand. Sweeney expressed again the importance of reputation of the golf course first.

Hoag asked if there could be sand on carts to help with divots. Dodge confirmed the divot program is better than before due to a promising staff.

5.3 Nemadji Women's and Men's Club — Concerns/Updates

Clark reported the Men's Club saw an increase of 11 new teams this year. Continuation of the WSGA handicap transition with how to submit scores and recognizes it will be a working matter. WSGA will help with proper entry of scores.

Vice Chair Clark asked for the current email list to be updated for better communication.

Beaudry stated members can email the website with concerns.

Chair Hoag reported 92 members to date for the Women's Club. The Women's Club will hold their annual Member Guest Shamble on June 21st, 2022. Chair Hoag also reported the women's club will be hosting its 74th invitational in July.

5.4 Agenda Items for Future Meeting (Monday, June 27, 2022 at 12:00PM)

Investment into GPS on carts. It was questioned if there could be an option to shut down cart if damage by players is displayed and other options to use on improving the course.

Future restaurant ideas were asked as plans of the simulator's installation could affect the current consistency the restaurant is providing.

Sweeney stressed again the ongoing image of the golf course as the forefront matter when approaching decisions now & in the future.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Grasky, second by Clark and carried, the adjourn the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lindsey Graskey