



CITY OF HELENA
Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board
Time Stamped Summary: March 19, 2024 - 12:00 PM
City County Building 316 N Park Ave Room 309

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(00:00:01) Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and the following responded present:

Board Members:

Jack Gregg

Susan Court

Rob Logsdon

Nicholas Balcken

Absent-Excused:

Art Pembroke

Chris Smith

Additional guests and members of the public present:

Kathy McDonald-representing Women's League

Doug Olson-representing Men's League

City Staff:

Parks Director Doug Smith

Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer

Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link

Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen

Parks Administrative Assistant Heather Kahler

(00:03:29) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

No public comment.

(00:11:29) Minutes – delayed until later in the meeting when there was a quorum.

A. February 20, 2024

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Nicholas made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting, Jack seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business

- A. Public Comment – none.

Unfinished Business

- A. (00:04:33) Raffle Update – no report. At this point the hope is for corporate sponsorship to fund the project of water stations.
- B. Sponsorship of water stations
(00:05:08) Jack reported positive responses from some corporations; no commitments at this time. There was discussion and concerns regarding possible vandalism of the proposed water stations.
- C. Public Comment - none

Reports

- A. Parks Director
(00:11:57) Director Doug Smith provided compliments to Tod and his staff, and Steve and his staff for opening the golf course to play on March 15.
- B. Golf Course Superintendent
(00:12:48) Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link reported on recent test well drilling, well yield, golf course prep and vandalism prevention. Discussion for old water station platforms to be removed as time allows, and a report of fence damage at SW corner of driving range. Tod reported that the driving range saw attempts to steal range balls on the first two days of opening. Camera installation to monitor the driving range would be about \$1500.
(00:21:13) Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer reported on golf course opening, golf business performance, and the financial update. Compared to last year at this time, golf course revenue is up \$320,000 and Muni's revenue is up \$13,000. The 'young adult season pass' was defined as individuals under the age of 30. The online booking system and the city's software transition were discussed further.

Leagues

- (00:34:09) Kathy McDonald-Women's League: First day of league will be Thursday, April 25. Planning is underway for the Ladies Invitational.
- (00:35:32) Doug Olson-Men's League: Doug reported that 18 teams are scheduled to play each night.

(00:36:04) Public Comment (Items not on this agenda) – none.

Member Communications-Announcements / Proposals for next Agenda – (April 16, 2024)

(00:37:04) Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nicholas, all in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.

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