



CITY OF HELENA
Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board
Time Stamped Summary
July 18, 2023 - 12:00 PM
City County Building 316 N Park Ave Room 426

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Call to Order and Roll Call

(00:00:02) Roll Call was taken, and the following all responded present:

Board Members:

Jack Gregg
Chris Smith
Art Pembroke
Susan Court
Collin Brown
Jim Cancroft

City Staff

Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link
Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen
Parks Administrative Assistant Heather Kahler
Parks Director Doug Smith
Golf Course Pro Shop Assistant Manager Michael Horner

Additional guests and members of the public present:

Doug Olson
Ed Coleman
Dr G

(00:01:47) Public Comment (Items pertaining to the agenda)
None

Minutes

(00:02:03) A. June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Motion was made to approve the June minutes by Chris Smith, seconded by Collin Brown, all in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- (00:02:31) A. Drinking Water on the Course
The topic of providing drinking water on the course was brought up because members of the board have been hearing comments from players. It was determined that the board could put together a presentation as to why they think drinking water on the course is important to assist in the recommendation to City staff.
- (00:17:34) B. Public Comment
None

New Business

- (00:17:49) A. Rental Car Discussion
Board Chair Jack Gregg and member Susan Court requested that City Staff further explain the process of ordering carts and made a suggestion of some cart add-on options that the players could assist in the upkeep of the course as they are out playing. Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link addressed the board of the process and offered some options.
- (00:23:56) B. Sand Bunker on #14 Concerns
Members shared observations of the conditions they've seen around the area of the bunker's. Steve Link addressed the board thanking them for bringing this to his attention and said that staff can focus on that and other areas of the course.
- (00:27:45) C. Early Morning Golf
Board member Jim Cancroft addressed the board sharing thoughts as to why pass holders are no longer allowed to golf prior to the course opening. Course superintendent pro-shop assistant manager both addressed the board as to why the decision was made focusing on staff safety and efficiencies of course preparation.
- D. Public Comment
None

(00:39:08)

Reports

A. Parks Director

Parks Director Doug Smith addressed the board with nothing to report but then commented to staff on the conditions of the course. Doug Olson addressed Director Smith on some budget questions pertaining to the financial report.

B. Golf Course Superintendent

Course Superintendent Steve Link addressed the board updating them on what the staff have been working on.

C. Golf Pro/Operations

Golf Pro-Shop Assistant Manager reported to the board the player development programs and pro-shop staffing and introduced his roles at the course adding how busy the course is.

D. Financial Report

Mike then went over the financial report to the board noting items specifically.

E. League Reports

Leagues running on auto-pilot so nothing major to report.

(57:34)

Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda – July 18, 2023

A. Board member Chris Smith moved to have the advisory board request that the pro-shop staff to reconsider the decision not to have drinking water on the course and provide an estimate to the board of the cost and impact of having Muni's staff maintain up to four water stations during June, July and August. Requesting to come back with this information at the August meeting. Board chair Jack Gregg stated there has been a motion made for the inside staff to reconsider the decision of not having drinking water on the course. Board member Art Pembroke seconded, all in favor, no further discussion, motion passed.

B. Board member Art Pembroke addressed City Staff on some maintenance issues and Superintendent addressed the board saying now with the new fiscal year beginning, they can address the issues discussed.

Adjournment

(01:01:04)

There being no further business before the advisory board, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.