



**CITY OF HELENA
Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board
Time Stamped Summary
August 15, 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
Rob Logsdon

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

Additional guests and members of the public present:

Kathy McDonald-representing Women's League
Doug Olson-representing Men's League

(00:01:02) Public Comment (Items pertaining to the agenda)

None

Minutes

(00:01:20) A. July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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Motion was made to approve the July minutes by Susan Court, seconded by Chris Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- (00:01:38) A. Drinking Water on the Course – Report from staff
Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer addressed the board with his cost analysis of having the Muni’s Staff manage drinking water on the course. Tod reported that it would cost between \$10K and \$12K for the season in staff time and continued with details of what those figures were based on.
- Tod then shared that Bryce Wideen, the Golf Course Assistant Superintendent, had the idea of placing a couple of water bottle filling stations that are plumbed into City utilities for players as a solution to the topic. Tod presented an estimate of the stations costs of purchasing and plumbing them into City water. Discussion continued about location, fundraising, and other benefits of placing the water stations.
- (00:19:18) B. #14 Bunker Condition Discussion
Jack Gregg addressed the board and staff with concerns he has encountered from users. Maintenance will occur when time allows. Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link addressed the board of his plans and research that has been done.
- (00:26:34) C. Public Comment
None

New Business

- (00:26:41) A. Discussion of Hole Location and Tee Marker Changes Schedule
Jack Gregg addressed the board staff on observations of hole locations and asked when those are rotated. Superintendent Steve Link addressed the board on staff’s plans, schedule and solutions to this issue.
- (00:34:34) B. Well, Sprinkler Systems and Supply Ponds Discussion
Course Superintendent reported to the board of watering challenges, plans, solutions and grant opportunities.
- (00:42:53) C. Online Tee Times, Member Use and Tournament Discussion
Tod Fitterer, Course Operations Manager, updated the board on the challenges and issues with the online tee time registration portal. Tod also shared with the board his process and reasonings behind member use and tournament requests.
- D. Public Comment
None

Reports

(00:53:48)

A. Parks Director
Nothing to report

B. Golf Course Superintendent

Course Superintendent Steve Link addressed the board updating them on what the staff has upcoming to prepare for fall and winter and the aftermath of summer.

C. Golf Pro/Operations

Golf Pro-Shop Assistant Manager reported to the board that staffing is challenging this time of year and hopes to work through the challenge the best they can. Financially he reported to the board of the increase in sales this year versus last year at this time.

D. League Reports

Women's League is almost done ending with a tournament this week. Men's League is also wrapping up to end with a couple more events.

(59:09) Public Comment (Items not on this agenda)

None

Adjournment

(00:59:31)

There being no further business before the advisory board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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