

ARTHUR CARTER AMSTERDAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES

September 6, 2022 City Hall at 4:30PM

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: ALL

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Bo Karutis, Bill Dzierson , Skip Phillips, Tim Holloway, Chris Sherlock, Alex, Scott Warren

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Skip/Bill

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mayor Cinquanti reported that the city road program would be starting soon and the millings from paving would be brought to Muni for use on the cart paths.
- Mayor also reported that permits were pulled to start the foundation of the clubhouse.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Driving Range. No report this month
- Directional signage. Chris thinks that additional directional signage is still needed.
- Golf Cart Contract-Skip reported that our cart contract expires at the end of next year. Skip would like to consider and explore lithium ion electric carts that run on solar power. Perhaps a grant opportunity. Electric carts are about \$1,000 more than gas carts. Scott said gas costs were about \$5000 this year. Advantages of lithium ion carts is:maintenance is lower, fueling is nothing if we can get a solar grant. Concerns are that the shed roofs may not be in good condition. Chris mentioned that we need to consider room in the sheds for private carts as well. Scott suggested exploring buying carts instead of leasing and also look at other companies, not just 5 star. Bo is more in favor of going for gas carts because of concerns with the cart sheds. ARPA funds was discussed as possible funding.
- We would like to have a GPS system for carts for \$24 per cart. GPS will eliminate problems of people driving where they shouldn't. This could eliminate the need for a ranger. These could be installed on gas or electric carts.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Chemical locker needs to be ordered. Skip suggests that Brightview \$1,956 buy it and then get reimbursed by the city.
- Toro Mower-We have paid for this mower in advance and have been waiting. Now they want 6% more before delivery. Bo would like the PO and he will call to deal with it. They have now promised it Oct. 5
- Bridge on 16-It can come down, it is a hazard the way it is presently. It could possibly be saved, some of the decking and the railing. Skip suggests galvanized pipe be used to replace the railing. Skip asked the city engineer to once again give an opinion on whether it can be saved.
- Electric Box in the maintenance shed-city is contracting with Executive Electric. We have been waiting for over a year for this.
- Trees-Bill made arrangements to have Cornell come in and assess our trees and what should be taken down. Sept 14th at 10:30 am
- Bridge between 7 and 8. We need to shop for boards that we can afford as what is there is \$20 a foot.
- Tree trimming on 16 and 4 will be done.
- Beginning Monday Sept 12 7:30 first tee time-Oct 3 goes to 8am.
- Alex will decide when the course should close. Alex wants to stay on the same page with Scott on frost delays.
- Budget- We are -\$50 on irrigation, \$10,500 remaining in maintenance, We need a compressor rental \$410 rental. Alex would like to think about changing the money around in the categories in next year's budget.
- Alex reports that aeration of the fairways are going slowly as the machine only goes 3.5 mph. He will wall to wall seed the entire course.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Year end pricing. We need to look at inflation and costs. We will start discussion at next meeting
- Cart paths-City will provide excavator, sidewalk roller and millings and put them as close to the holes as possible.
- Plans for the tree program will be discussed after we get a report from Cornell. We will also discuss the possibility of memorial trees as well.
- Tee signs-We need to reset the course first. Scott will investigate the best way to do this. We then can start to plan for new tee signs and set new tees eliminating the terms men's, seniors, women. It was discussed that they should just be colors so people can play it forward to their handicap (similar to Saratoga National)
- Private Carts-Scott asked if we need to ask for proof of insurance from private owners.
- Next year Scott would like to certify the youth membership with the pro. They should learn etiquette ahead of time.

PRO REPORT:

Scott created a tournament cart placard to be used for tournaments.

Scott has started to go through Foreup and has found entry errors. They have been corrected.

Scott is having difficulty getting responses from Foreup. He continues to initial communication with them daily.

Scott would like to run a fall promotion.

- Bo thinks \$160 foursome, \$130 for repeat foursomes.
- Discussed different possibilities
- Settled on \$120 for 4some 11am-3:30pm. The goal is to make as much money as possible during our low times before the end of the season.
- Initial discussion on a possible Spring promotion- Member for a day to promote membership.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Bo/Skip -6:15pm

NEXT MEETING:

TBA

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY,

Christine Sherlock