

ARTHUR CARTER AMSTERDAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Golf Commision Meeting Minutes

Aug 26, 2021 Pavilion at 4:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL-Kevin, Bo, Skip, Bill, Brenden, Chris, Tim

APPROVAL OF 07-27-21 MINUTES **Motion to accept Skip second Bill-All in Favor**

PUBLIC COMMENT-none

Marketing

- Discussion of new tee signs. Kevin is looking at companies who will provide 27 tee signs at no cost to us. One of these companies is Benchcraft. They will provide signage, install, and maintain them, they will sell the advertising on the signs and keep the money. It was decided that Chris and Kevin will keep looking at companies and design options.
- Update on new positions at the course. Bo reported that Ranger starting on Monday and the Common Council approved an assistant manager position which Kevin hopes to fill soon

Maintenance-(Bill Dzierson liaison)

- Maintenance timeline to the commision. (Attached)
- Brenden is preparing to repair the fairways, Bo would like the areas being fixed to be roped off. The holes were filled in with the cores from aerating. Skip noted that the Brightviews contract calls for aeration of fairways. Brenden said aerovating fulfills that.
- Brenden gave an estimate for "repair your divot" signs of about \$90. Commision voted to have him order the signs.
- Brenden submitted emails to request how Brightview wanted to do a monthly report. He will have one by Sept 10.
- Rough mower Quote-MTE Jacobson \$66,000 State Contract, John Deere-\$71,934 Toro-\$75,944 (parts are readily available). Brenden and Kevin discussed the benefits of the Toro. Both prefer this model. Buy on payments or buy outright? **Skip motion to move forward with the Toro mower. Bo seconded-All in favor.** Kevin will make the recommendation to City Hall for the next Common Council meeting.
- Diesel tank-in equipment barn has been there 40/50 years. Bovee will not deliver to us anymore. \$5300 for a new one from Bovee with safety valves and double walled and installed-500 gallons. Northern tool quote was \$100 less but doesn't include installation. Kevin has made Matt Agresta aware that this is an emergency item that needs to be purchased immediately.
- Complaints about speed of greens-Brenden says we can speed them up now that the greens are healthy
- Flower beds will be weeded and mulched by Brightview. The Recreation Dept is going to deliver mulch.
- Roof repair needed on chemical shed

- Tim questioned the terms of the contract. We have a 2 year guarantee at \$380k after that only 2% increase per year. We are asking for a financial and weekly log of what course maintenance is doing weekly.

Grants Committee report. Bo, Tim

- Tim and Bo met with a City Grant writer looking for ways to pay for the cart paths. They suggested perhaps tie in with Sassafras. Perhaps a handicap grant and tie into winter activities through parks and recreation. Adaptive golf? Estimated 360K-700K to replace cart paths. Skip wants to see what would be to use crusher stone to save money. Ideas about using street millings to repair paths were also discussed.

Course Improvements-Kevin, Chris

- Cart rules and signs have been printed by Chris and placed in carts.
- Driving range. Kevin

City said no to the idea of a raffle. Skip said that it has to run through a 501C3. Bill suggested the Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation. Anything over \$25K given to the Waterfront Foundation. Bill will pitch it to the waterfront committee. Other ideas discussed were finding a sponsor such as Dr. Rao, Sticker Mule, or Swany. We will also prepare a proposal to the city grant writer to see if there is anything we can do that way.

Kevin suggests we run a golf tournament. The commission agreed that we would look at a Capital Improvement kick off tournament next season called the Commissioners Cup.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Sherlock
Secretary AGC

Attached Maintenance Timelines:

August

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11_GAx2Pr7-bOzML97yXGtJAPIUjw0GStmFEqB6UoI0M/edit

September

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18xRd7ILHa6wJ-ZOZgD2chY5YoK2UOuaiETi7Jn73f94/edit>