

## MINUTES

### Golf Course Advisory Committee Meeting

December 12, 2024

**In Attendance:** Mayor Byron Champlin; Councilor Nathan Fennessy; Councilor Jennifer Kretovic; Linda Mattlage; Bob Whatmough; Gary Darby; Fran Hunt; Roger Jobin; Jim Tanner; Mack Bean; Charlie Randall; Phil Davis; and Brian LeBrun.

**Excused:** Ruthann Bradley, Chris Mulleavey, and Pat Lanman.

**1) Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2024 Joint Meeting of the Golf Course Advisory Committee and the Ad-Hoc Beaver Meadow Building Committee. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

**2) Pro Shop Update:**

- Simulator season is in full swing, currently comprised of 75 teams totaling 150 players.
- The committee reviewed greens fee revenue. Greens fee revenue for calendar year 2024 came in at \$552,000, an increase of 20% over calendar year 2023.
- Total golf course revenue for calendar year 2024 is at \$2.016 million, up from \$1.9 million in 2023.

**3) Course Update:**

- Greens have been winterized and roped off. The irrigation pond will be drained next week. Staff is also conducting maintenance on equipment.
- The recent snowmaking demo went well.
- Roger Jobin suggested the committee consider assessing fees for winter users. Nathan Fennessy indicated that, to date, there are relatively few expenses related to winter usage and that the conditions quite often don't warrant charging a fee. He suggested that if we go to snowmaking, that would be the time to consider the imposition of fees.

**4) BMGC Facility:**

- The Ad-Hoc Beaver Meadow Building Committee met on 12/11, and will continue that meeting next Wednesday, 12/18.
- Brian reviewed estimated annual expenses and revenues for each of the three options proposed for the BMGC facility.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend Option #3 (building a new facility) to the City Council. The motion passed with nine in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

**5) 5 Minutes of Public Input:**

- BMGC passholder Sonny Hunt suggested the City designate a marketing person to promote the golf course and all the good things it does; as well as to educate the City Council and the tax payers. Mayor Champlin said this makes sense and stated that the golf course is an important recreational asset of the City. Mayor Champlin thanked the committee members for their work.

**6) Adjournment:**

- A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM with a unanimous voice vote.