**Parks Board Minutes August 8, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 5:06pm August 8, 2019

Present:Ege, Paul, and Young. Absent : Mullet and Beattie. Guest Tish Soldi Clerk- Treasurer
The minutes from the July meeting were motioned for acceptance by Paul and seconded by Young. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Report Pat Cox

Revenue is still behind that of last year by approximately $20,000. Cox suggested we continue with the Fairway Card next year. September 15 is usually the beginning date for the early buy ticket for all of next year. Discussion insured regarding offering a discount for the early buy, increasing the cost of a season ticket for next year as the cost as remained $460 for the past nine seasons,implementing a cart person charge which would help fund cart path repairs and increasing cart fees.  Ege suggested that Cox bring to the next meeting  new fee structures for 2020. No decisions were made.
The Tom Tom tournament had 26 teams our largest tournament. Future event in August is the Elks Cancer Scramble. September events are Phi Delta Kappa "Backwards" Scramble September 14, Q P H September 20, Maconaquah Boosters September September 22 and PHS Class of '69 September 28.
Dick and Nancy Clingaman, who bought a Senior Couple Ticket, asked about a refund for her part of the ticket as she was unable to play any rounds due to a knee replacement. After discussion, Paul made a motion to table the question. Young seconded and the motion carried.

Golf Course Report. Garry Clark

Duties this month included mowing greens, tees, fairways, rough, changing holes, maintaining bunkers, spraying, string trimming, back lapping reels, verti cutting greens and rolling greens. Work continued on the mole damage to green 5 as well as general trash pickup and moving tee markers and clean up around the burn pile. Equipment has been washed and greased, continued with stump removal and placing wood chips on course. Work continued on clean up of overgrown gullies at tees 3 and 14 and the new practice green sprayed and ready for seeding. Work is almost complete on all tees and fairways spraying for nutshedge grass and low branch tree trimming continues. Repair of irrigation leaks continues morning course check too.
Clark has also started to teach an employee how to change holes which will free up some of his time for other projects.
Future plans include course maintenance, clean up other stump removal areas spraying,addition of sand to greens and brushing sand to greens and tree trimming. Practice green work will continue with seeding and fertilizing in early August as well as work on irrigation leaks and bad sprinkler heads, spraying of cart paths and parking lot when possible and watering.
The six inch main city water pipe broke as it entered the pump house and the Park Superintendent helped with the repair. New leaks in the irrigation system appear regularly with six I the last two weeks resulting in 14 leak repairs and 15 sprinkler head replacements. 35 additional sprinkler heads need replacing. The irrigation controls have been investigated as it doesn't work properly.
He will try and spray tee boxes and fairways for goose and crab grass as well as work on punching greens in September. Tree lines along back six senior ladies tee box have been cleaned.
More valves are going to be added to the irrigation system by the creek which will speed up drainage when repairs are needed on the course.

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

Duties this past month included general mowing, trimming, equipment repairs and maintenance. Continued work at the new park, fixed the main 6"pipe at the course pump house, repaired 2" valve to pavilion 8, cleaned all park grills helped with preparations for Circus City Days as well as with repairs to the course irrigation system.
No major vandalism this time period and Mayor Greer has accepted a quote for cameras in all parks. Peru Utilities will assist with the installation.
Future plans include general maintenance and repairs, continuing with assistance at the new park, drainage issues at lower Maconaquah Park, seed new practice green on the course, finish weed control at all parks, get all water fountains in Maconaquah Park functioning and pressure wash and seal lookouts at the Riverwalk.
He would like to help Clark get the irrigation system on the course completely functional and leak free and continue with budget preparation. CommunityService has been reinstated by the Prosecutors Office and workers have already put to work weed whacking. He is still working with the prison system. Helvie pointed out that maintenance is the largest part of his time.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Clerk-Treasurer Tish Soldi,  attended the meeting and presented quotes regarding the purchase of 30 new golf carts. The Yamaha Representative, Mike Herber was present for questions regarding his quote. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of each quote with the result of the board asking for demonstrations of the carts. This has been arranged for Wednesday, August 14, 2019. Cox did say he think the QuieTech is the best gas cart on the market. Please see attached quotes.

Soldi also provided an up to date Appropriation Report  for the Golf course and park. Stated that City Hall is proposing all part time and seasonal city employees will now receive $12 per hour and all civil city employees will receive a 3% raise.
City Hall has also identified money which will now be allocated to the Parks Department as a one time allocation for urgent improvements. Mayor Greer proposes using this money as follows:
1  Get the new Golf Club up and running with new equipment and other initial costs.
2 Repair the basketball courts at Davis Park.
3 Place sidewalks and parking at West Canal Street which would provide safe routes for children using the parks and provide parking at the Skate Park.
4 Upgrade bathrooms throughout the parks system.

He is open to any input on priorities with these projects.

Ege noted that the cart rental fund can provide about $70,000 for any improvements. Helvie also noted that some of the improvements could be done in house thus costing less and therefore making more funds available for other projects. Ege mentioned that he and Helvie have discussed modifications to the concession stand in the park  which may be able to be done in house.

Soldi also presented a listing for various alcohol licenses for the golf course. After discussion, a motion was made by Ege to purchase a beer and wine license at a cost of $750 per year. Young seconded the motioned which carried unanimously.

Soldi and Ege  presented information on purchasing a Hunts Brothers Pizza Oven setup for the golf course and the concession stand . Ege made a motion to purchase up to a  cost of $12911.56 Young seconded and it carried. This cost would come from the 350,000 See attachments for costs. Soldi asked Cox if he would be willing to sell his hotdog roller grill? Cox said he will look into it.
When Cox retires the city will hire  2 managers for the shop at $15.00 per hour.
Soldi reminded Helvie must submit his next budget by Thursday, August 15 2019.

Next meeting is September 12, 2019 at 5:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison M Paul, Acting Secretary