

## **Parks Board Minutes October 8, 2020**

Present: Beattie, Ege, Olson, Mullet and Paul

Absent: None

The minutes of the September meeting were read and motioned for acceptance by Beattie and seconded by Mullet. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Clubhouse General Manager Report Jeff Grant.

All the carts have been washed and in the next few weeks they will work on cleaning the cart barns. All the carts are in working order. \$ 249731.11 has gone through the cash register this year. Paul asked if he was able to get monthly and daily break even points from City Hall, but he has not received the information. Ege stated that this information should be available for 2021. Grant stated that the course should be profitable in 2021 and he will be looking at different ways to advertise the course. Grant also mentioned that he will not use all allocated salary revenue for the seasonal workers. Final day should be just before Thanksgiving.

Park Superintendent Report Cliff Helvie

Continued with general mowing and trimming, equipment repair and maintenance and watering downtown flowers. All water fountains have been sandblasted and painted and three installed at the Riverwalk. Two barrels were burned at the skate park and vandalism has occurred at the Skate Park and Lower Maconaquah Park restroom. He has started over seeding weak and thin areas throughout the park system as well as starting fall fertilization and weed control. The light poles at the Riverwalk have been pressure washed and asphalt millings for additional parking at West City Park and other areas has been received from city projects. This is worth about \$3000. The extension of the trail is underway and he will do some additional brush clearing later.

Projects for the remainder of the season include finishing fall fertilizing and weed control, continuing work around the Bellar building, repairing the bridge at the disc golf parking lot, working on parking areas at West City Park, watering the downtown flowers, and general maintenance. He hopes the camera installation at Maconaquah Park can finally be finished after delays. He would like to add additional drainage in Lower Maconaquah Park by Pavilions 1 and 2. Helvie reported that he had a conversation with the Clerk Treasurer who said that this was not the time to pave Davis Park as it was not critical. Davis Park has been a goal for about 7 years and had been budgeted for this year. Costs would be about \$ 15000 with new hoops.

There was much discussion concerning the city budget of 2020, our allocation and what was available from the previous administration. Beattie and Paul will make an appointment with the Clark Treasurer for next week. Councilor Ramsey will also attend.

Discussion ensued regarding the path extension and the new YMCA.

Golf Course Report Garry Clark

Continued mowing greens, tees, fairways and roughs almost daily as well as changing holes 2 to 3 times a week. Also, weed whacking, trash removal, equipment greasing, watering and spraying chemicals.

Continued killing poison ivy on the course, working on sprinkler heads and leaks, cleaning the shop, moving dirt to low spots and low sprinkler heads areas, Verti cutting the greens, raking sand traps and trimming sprinkler heads. Leaf blowing has started on the course.

The fairways and tees have all been fertilized and aeration has been completed on all greens. Repaired the four-inch main behind green 14 and fixed a leak on the right of hole 18. Seeded, fertilized, and watered

and did some slit seeding on the worst tee boxes as well as marking trees for felling. Still has more seeding and fertilizing of weak areas as well as preparing for his pre-application on the course. Beattie asked if we were sure that a non-reverting cart path fund had been set up and Clark stated that he believed so but Paul and Beattie will check at their meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

Grant stated that he had been contacted by Gold Medal Awards and Pro Shop with a proposal whereby they would be our sole provider for merchandising and trophies but not food. They would supply everything, control, and update inventory at no cost to us. We would receive 25% of all sales. Ege pointed out that Gold Medal needs to understand that any tournament may buy their merchandise from any supplier and are not bound to buy from Gold Medal. This would be handled as an account and paid monthly not a contract. Ege would like to meet with them. Discussion will continue in November. Ege stated that he would like to go with a \$20 per round for some days on the course. Beattie suggested for all days for the remainder of the season. He made that motion, Olson seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Ramsey raised the issue of the YMCA Celebrity Golf Outing returning to our course. Grant pointed out that extra carts must be hired for large tournaments by us where as other courses have a larger cart fleet and the golfers do not pay a cart rental fee and green fees. Ege stated that he would like to see this return to our course.

Ramsey also mentioned that walkers on the Riverwalk are very complimentary of the cleanup taking place. Helvie mentioned that he would like to do more, but the virus curtailed his plans.

Next meeting November 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Motioned for adjournment by Mullett and seconded by Beattie. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Submitted by,

Alison M. Paul

Secretary