

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
GOLF COURSE COMMISSION
AUGUST 30, 2011 - 2:00-3:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Sonny Paszak, Dick Butterfield, Tom Kelly and Alex Young.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dick Johns, Golf Course Superintendent Joe Andersen, Golf Pro Dan Buckley and Fire Chief Terry Williams.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paszak at 2:00 PM. The media was notified, the agenda posted and quorum present to do business. Roll call was taken.

REVIEW OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting are not yet complete.

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY BUTTERFIELD, TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF THE GOLF COURSE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2011. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mulligan's Restaurant Operational Report

Dave O'Melia was not present, but his report was available for review by the Committee. It was noted that the numbers are right in line, and even slightly ahead, from last year.

Pro Shop Operational Report

Dan Buckley's report is through 8/29/11, and reflects a difference of about \$2,100 from this time last year. He noted that the Dog House outing brought in about \$5,000 last year, and the outing didn't happen for 2011 due to sale of the business. Dan stated that we had great weather in August, and the course was terrific.

Grounds/Facility Report

Joe is recovering slowly from his accident. His doctor upgraded his limited duties to allow some golf course machinery that he can operate without using his left leg; Joe can do some mowing and operate other machines.

Joe reported that we'll be aerating the greens next week. He noted that if anyone on the Committee sees Gunder or Jeremy from the Parks Department, they should thank them as

they'll be coming to help with the aeration now that Joe's summer help have all gone back to school and he's short-handed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Software Update

Joe Andersen noted that this is an issue Dave O'Melia is working on.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Candidates for Golf Course Committee

The Mayor advised that Terry Williams asked if he could serve on the Committee, and nobody sees any problem with it. Dan Buckley noted that Sonny Paszak mentioned last spring that we should try to get a female committee member. Joe Andersen noted that we currently have three openings on the Committee, one of which has to be a female. It was agreed that the Mayor will appoint Terry to fill the unexpired term of Don Torbenson.

Discuss Concealed Carry Law for Golf Course

The Mayor noted that we had a lot of discussion on this at the PPP Committee. Tom Kelly noted that the City Attorney recommends we include all three Golf Course buildings. Alex Young stated that the ordinance is drafted, and all 3 buildings are listed in the ordinance that will be going to Council. Signs will have to be posted on all entrance and exit doors on all buildings. Joe stated his only concern in with private contractors, such as the clubhouse and restaurant; we should make sure that their policies mirror the City's. Joe felt this language should be included in the contracts when they come up for renewal

Discuss/Approve 2012 Season Pass Fees & Daily Rates

Dan Buckley presented the proposed rates for 2012. Joe noted that they structured the rates to give people more options. Alex asked how these rates compare with other courses, and Dan stated that they're pretty comparable, although others don't offer as many membership options. Joe noted that no increase is being proposed for greens fees.

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY KELLY, TO SET THE 2012 SEASON PASS FEES AND DAILY RATES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss/Approve Pond Repair/Renovation by Musson's at No Cost to City

Dan noted that the proceeds from this year's Special Projects Tournament will be used to renovate the pond at #4. There will be no cost to the City.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY YOUNG, TO APPROVE POND REPAIR/RENOVATION BY MUSSON'S AT NO COST TO THE CITY. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss Outdated Golf Course Service Vehicles

Sonny noted that he's seen two of the vehicles, and there are also others, that are basically scrap iron. We gave permission a couple of years ago to dispose of some old vehicles in the manner most advantageous to the City. He would like to get rid of them, but doesn't want us to get charged to dispose of them. With the increased prices being paid for scrap iron, people may be interested now where they weren't a couple of years ago. Sonny will follow up on this.

Discuss Issues with Frontier Telephone Service

Dan noted that we've been struggling for months with Frontier. The service has improved the last couple of weeks, but a lightning strike around June 20th affected Frontier's computers; by the time somebody would actually fess up that something was wrong, it was July 10th. They put in new equipment but the repairmen told Dan they didn't know if it was fixed. This went on up until 10 days ago. In the meantime, we had customers trying to call that couldn't get through. They were doing the repairs on the weekends, starting at noon on Friday – we pretty much lost our phone service every weekend. Dan stated he got no action until he finally reached their boss in Sun Prairie, who put us in contact with an individual in Minnesota; they now don't work on it Friday, Saturday Sunday, but only during the week, and they contact us to tell us when it's going to happen and how long it's going to take.

Joe Andersen stated he has a different problem. Back when Dan stepped out of operating both floors of the clubhouse and we got another operator, the restaurant phone line was taken out of the 10 line system, and began getting billed separately, direct to City Hall. When Julie Ostrander started, she got the bill and didn't know what to do with it, and she gave it to Joe, which is when he found out about it. For a number of years, we've been paying \$40 per month for this one line, which should be part of the 10-line package it used to be. Frontier will not do anything about it. Joe finally gave up and turned it over to Bill Bell, and Bill eventually gave up too. Joe has never signed off to approve paying that bill, but it gets paid every month anyway. He is fed up with Frontier and would like to look at a different system.

Terry Williams discussed the Charter internet and telephone package he now has at the Fire Department.

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY KELLY, TO AUTHORIZE JOE AND DAN TO INVESTIGATE TELEPHONE SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES AND REPORT BACK TO COMMITTEE. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE

Joe stated that we usually close the course the 3rd Sunday in October, and we've taken some heat in years when the weather has turned out to be beautiful past that time. This year, the 3rd Sunday would be October 16th, which seems early. They would like to put up signs saying it will be October 16, 2011 unless weather permits longer – but the 23rd would need to be it. The Committee agreed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,824.49. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE

Future Agenda:

- Discuss/Approve Changes to Golf Course Telephone System
- Discuss/Approve 2012 Golf Course Operating Budget

Next meeting date:

- Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY YOUNG, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 30, 2011 GOLF COURSE COMMISSION MEETING AT 3:00 PM. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Sonny Paszak, Chairperson

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