

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Sonny Paszak, Tom Kelly, Terry Williams, and Dick Butterfield

**Members Absent:** Alex Young

**Others Present:** Mayor Richard Johns, City Administrator Blaine Oborn, Golf Professional Dan Buckley, Golf Superintendent Joe Andersen, David O'Melia of Mulligan's Restaurant, and Kyle Rogers of the Northwoods River News

**II. Review of Past Meeting Minutes**

**BUTTERFIELD/KELLY, MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 9, 2011 MEETING. THREE AYE, ONE ABSTAIN (WILLIAMS), ONE ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.**

The August 30, 2011 meeting minutes were not available for approval.

**III. Departmental Activity Report**

Mulligan's Restaurant Operational Report, Dave O'Melia

David O'Melia reported that the restaurant was up a couple of thousand for August over last year's figures, and September was better than the previous year also.

He figured out some new reports on the software.

David did not raise my prices during the year, but overhead kept going up. He noted that they would be open till October 16<sup>th</sup>, and felt that sales would be down for that month.

Pro Shop Operational Report, Dan Buckley

Dan Buckley stated that they started out well in September, but it started raining. They were up for the month about \$6200 or 10%. The weekends are good for business.

They have done some maintenance on golf carts, and the carts have been running well.

They will park the carts after this weekend, and the staff is down to a minimum.

Grounds/Facility Report, Joe Andersen

Joe Andersen reported that the greens have recovered from aeration. They blew out the water lines. He noted that this is a good time for people to play.

Mayor Johns asked if the building had been stained or chinked yet. Joe explained that they were trying to get a lift and haven't been able to yet. The chinking won't get done till the staining is done. Joe noted that it would be around \$23,000 and they would go over budget or have to borrow from the general fund. He was hopeful that they would get the rest of the building stained this fall.

**IV. Unfinished Business:**

Software Update

David O'Melia reported that things were getting better, and he would give the software company a call once the restaurant closes for the winter.

## Discuss Outdated Golf Course Service Vehicles

Joe Andersen stated that he has been talking to a couple of people to come take these outdated things for scrap. Sonny Paszak also gave him the name of someone who may do this type of thing.

## **V. New Business:**

### Golf Course Closing Date

Joe Andersen explained that in order to get everything done for the winter, they usually closed the third week in October. They will stay scheduled to close on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and if the forecast is nice, they will stay open another week.

Sonny Paszak asked David if he would also be closing on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and Mayor Johns inquired about the party bookings for 2012. David thought they would have a lot of parties booked. The last Friday fish fry would be October 14<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a Packer party on October 16<sup>th</sup>. He explained that most of his business is driven by the golf business.

### Discuss Winter Meetings

Sonny Paszak felt that one more meeting would be needed just to wrap things up for the year.

### Telephone Replacement Update

Dan Buckley reported that if they change phone vendors, the bill should drop dramatically, and it will offset the hardware they will need.

Terry Williams stated that he could give Dan the name of who the Fire Department uses. He explained that they cut their internet bill in half.

David O'Melia noted that Charter charges him extra for TV because of being a business. Joe Anderson thought that he could be rolled in with the new phone vendor.

### Discuss/Approve Crediting Balance of 2011 Couples Membership to a Single 2012 Membership

Dan Buckley explained that a 2011 couples membership was purchased, but the husband only got out twice and became ill, then passed away. The wife requested to have the balance between a couples and single membership applied to her 2012 membership. The committee agreed that this would be fair.

Terry Williams noted that another member had purchased a Junior membership, but her child became ill, and could not play. He wondered if that credit would carry over. The committee noted that it would, since there was no expiration on a credit.

**WILLIAMS/KELLY, MOTION TO APPROVE CREDITING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 2011 COUPLES AND SINGLE MEMBERSHIP TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A 2012 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

### Discuss/Approve 2012 Budget

David O'Melia explained that the restaurant is in need of a new charbroiler, which will cost around \$3,000.

Sonny Paszak asked about the beer taps and cooler. David noted that they are very old, and they leak and don't keep the beer cold. He added that the charbroiler has cracked heating elements and could become a fire hazard. He said that he would prefer to purchase one more fryer, and could get by with one 12' charbroiler, which would be less than purchasing a large one.

Blaine Oborn suggested putting in \$6,600 for a charbroiler and cooler, and it could be adjusted if needed.

Joe went over the golf course budget with the committee, noting that he will need a \$42,000 fairway mower. He added that if he waited to purchase, it would end up costing between \$48,000 and \$50,000.

**WILLIAMS/KELLY, MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2012 GOLF COURSE BUDGET WITH THE ADDITION OF A BROILER AND A COOLER FOR THE RESTAURANT. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature**

**VII. Consideration of Bills and Claims**

**KELLY/BUTTERFIELD, MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**VIII. Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date**

Telephone Update  
Contract Negotiations for Mulligan's Restaurant  
Contract Negotiations for Golf Pro Dan Buckley

The next regular meeting will be held on Nov 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**IX. Adjournment**

**KELLY/BUTTERFIELD, MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 4, 2011 GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 3:35 P.M. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

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