

**Golf Advisory Board  
Monday, June 22, 2015  
Minutes**

Members Present: Kelly Gilligan, Mark Johnson, Cam Cherry  
Members Absent: Lonnie Yingst, Lori Muzzana

Staff Present: Wade Altschwager, Joe Petrella, Keith Hollenback, Patty Rearden, Cindy Stein

**Board motioned to approve the minutes from April 27th as written. Motion second and approved.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Joe Petrella, Park & Recreation Director

- Courses are in full swing.
- Issue with ground squirrels at the golf courses and in the parks. Billings purchased a "Burrow Blocker" where it fills the holes with sand and water trapping them; they are satisfied with the outcome. We are looking into purchasing the same piece and sharing the costs with Parks and possible with the Little League groups. Burrow Blocker price is \$24,000. Need to find the funding, doing nothing is no longer the solution.
- There has been an issue with golf balls hitting a home when coming down #17 at Anaconda Hills. Joe has visited with the homeowner, and noted that after his lawn was mowed there were 17 golf balls in his yard. There is a bigger issue with the balls hitting his metal roof and new siding on his home. We need to find a solution to this issue some time soon.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

- Spraying for mosquito's on Tuesday night at Eagle Falls and Wednesday at Anaconda.
- Finished the First Tee lessons with a tournament last Friday.
- Bobcat scramble at Eagle Falls was held last Friday with over 100 players.
- Wedding group outing with 20 players held last Saturday.
- We received new tables and chairs at Eagle Falls for the deck area.
- Girl's golf starts July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- MT Bar/Heck tournament is this Saturday with 144 registered golfers.
- Deadline to sign up for Handicap is July 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20 fee to register.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Eagle Falls, Keith Hollenback Superintendent

- Lots of mowing - trying to keep up on the roughs
- Would like to get the sand out on the course prior to baseball season starting; we store it in the parking lot.
- Hope to get the next round of fertilizing completed prior to the heat wave starting.
- Never ending battle with fighting the gophers.

Anaconda, Wade Altschwager, Superintendent

- Doing what they are doing at Eagle Falls - plus irrigation repairs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Foot Golf Report*

- Board received the flyer and scorecard for Foot Golf.
- So far there have been 31 rounds played at Anaconda Hills by both Youth and Adults.
- Great Falls Tribune printed a nice article on Foot Golf and our new course at Anaconda Hills.
- Wade to contact the local TV media to get the word out.
- Can schedule 1 day in advance for tee time vs 2 days for golf tee time

### Concerns heard:

- One golfer thought they should be wearing helmets; maybe all golfers should wear helmets then.
- Louder than hitting a golf ball.
- Endorsed by USGA, PGA, and GCSA.

Wade has personally received positive compliments on the course from groups that have played.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:00pm