

**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016
MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Joseph Petrella, Wade Altschwager, Keith Hollenback, Connie Cramer-Caouette, Patty Rearden, Sherri Floerchinger

Guest: Roy Aafedt

Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

Board motioned to approve the February 2016 minutes as written. Motion seconded and approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Joe Petrella, Park and Recreation Director.

- Presented plaques to Board members Cam Cherry and Lonnie Yingst and thanked them for their service on the Board.
- Gave a short overview of the Master Plan Survey results. Of those surveyed, 38% found a need for golf courses, 20% had a need for golf lessons/golf clinics. The four top needs for programs were community special events, adult fitness and wellness programs, water fitness programs/lap swimming, and programs for ages 55+. Top four needs for facilities were walking and biking trails, neighborhood parks, paved/unpaved trails and swimming pools/water parks. Golf courses ranked 9th.
- The Master Plan consultant will make a presentation to the City Commission at their Work Session on May 3rd.

MANAGERS REPORT

Connie Cramer-Caouette, Golf Pro

- Getting a lot of startup things completed and spending considerable time training staff.
- Anaconda Hills will open April 1.
- Several golf carts would not start. Wade helped with batteries and getting them going.
- Made a presentation to Leadership Great Falls last week.
- Will have some painting done inside and out at Eagle Falls.
- Leagues will begin in a couple of weeks.
- Ron Ehnes is the Course Supervisor at Eagle Falls; Linda Kapp and Steve Malicott will share the position at Anaconda Hills.
- Thanked Lonnie and Cam for serving on the Board, noting that they both have been great board members.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Eagle Falls, Keith Hollenback

- Got the course open.
- Been doing clean up and getting irrigation done.
- Been working on bunkers and will continue to do so as time allows.
- Mowing
- Greens weathered well over the winter.
- The hawks are around as well as a fox and an owl.
- Working on gophers; traps are out. Numbers seem to be down from last year so it appears to be helping.

Anaconda Hills, Wade Altschwager

- Getting ready to open on April 1.
- Cleaning.
- Working on tees, green, collars.
- Mowing.
- Lots of branches down, got them all cleaned up.
- The greens wintered well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Golf Board Appointments

- There was a discussion about Golf Board Appointments. The two openings are for Women's Golf Association representative and an at-large representative.

Board motioned to recommend Jackie Lohman for the Women's Golf Association representative. The motion was seconded and approved.

- Discussion continued on the at-large representative. Members present decided that rather than making a decision, the meeting should be continued to include the two absent Board members who would be serving with the new member.

Board motioned to recommend to continue the meeting until all members could be present. The motion was seconded and approved.

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING CONTINUED – TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

Meeting reconvened at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

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

Staff Present: Joseph Petrella, Patty Rearden

NEW BUSINESS

Golf Board Appointments

- Again, there was a discussion about the remaining at-large representative opening for the Golf Advisory Board. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to leave the position open for another month and re-advertise/recruit.

Board motioned to postpone a recommendation and re-advertise for the at-large position for the Golf Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and passed on a 3-2 vote.

Golf Board Election

Cam Cherry's term is up on the Golf Advisory Board (current Board Chairman). Therefore, for the next meeting only, the Board appointed a Chairman.

Board motioned to appoint Mark Johnson as Chairman for the May 23 Golf Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.