



Committee Members:

Wheatley-Billeter, Martha Lou - Chairperson
Kelley, Ross
Lawton, Gary
Van Voorhis, Kenneth

*Park Board Members also present: Jim Santorsola, Jim Quigley and Randy Cameron

*Staff present: Leroy Eadie, Pamela McKinzie-Lewis, Robert Mielke, Fred Marchant,
LaVonne Martelle, and Leesa Van Zandt

Golf Professionals present: Gary Lindeblad, Steve Conner Mark Gardner and
Rex Schultz

Revised: September 6, 2011

**Golf Committee of the Spokane Park Board
August 17, 2011 – 7:00 a.m.
Manito Meeting Room**

Summary

- There was motion to amend the Alcohol Policy. Motion carried.
- There was an update on the Indian Canyon Driving Range.
- There was an update on the Bank Stabilization Project at the Creek at Qualchan.
- There was a discussion regarding the High School Golf State Championship Tournament.
- The Golf Financials for period ending July 31, 2011 were reviewed.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter.

Action Items:

1. **Proposed Alcohol Policy Amendment**

There was a motion to amend the current Alcohol Policy to include the loss of playing privileges of up to one year for repeat violators. After a brief discussion, Ross Kelley moved to approve the amendment as presented. Gary Lawton seconded. The motion carried.

Information Items:

1. **Indian Canyon Driving Range** ~ *Pamela McKinzie-Lewis*

We received a Recommendations Summary report from Jim Harakas of GeoEngineers. The report recommended that the groundwater level below the driving range be controlled and kept to a depth below the ground surface that is sufficient to accommodate snow melt and precipitation during the late winter and spring of approximately two feet. To accomplish this, GeoEngineers recommended: 1) eliminate runoff from South Assembly; 2) keep the groundwater level below two feet of the ground surface in the late winter and spring; 3) implement an auxiliary dewatering early in the year; and 4) confirm that the adjacent property owners are using the best management practices in controlling and disposing of the water. Staff has been working with GeoEngineers and the City Wastewater Department engineers to develop designs for the above recommendations. The new design and work on the driving range will be completed this fall.

2. **Bank Stabilization Update** ~ *Pamela McKinzie-Lewis*

Per the Committee's decision from the July 2011 Golf Committee meeting, staff has been working on permitting documents and preparing bidding documents for the Bank Stabilization project to fix additional erosion. The design for the project came in yesterday and the engineer's construction estimate is approximately \$155,600.00. Staff has submitted the ad for the bid to run in the newspaper for August 24th and 31st. Discussion was had regarding whether or not it was a good decision to draw down the reserve account. The risks associated with not doing the fix this year were discussed and include additional loss of 18th fairway, loss of the lower green on 18 as well as loss of the bridge on 18. It was suggested that a meeting be held with all the agencies involved in the project to discuss a long term management plan. Staff will try to schedule a meeting to discuss the issue with the involved agencies before the next Committee meeting. After extensive discussion, the Committee Chair straw polled the Committee Members on whether or not to bid the project this year. Ross Kelley, Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter, and Gary Lawton recommended to bid the project for this year. Randy Cameron, Jim Quigley, Jim Santorsola, and Kenneth Van Voorhis recommended against bidding the project. The project will not be going out for bid this year.

3. **High School Golf State Championship Tournament** ~ *Pamela McKinzie-Lewis*

The next tournament is scheduled for May 22 and 23, 2012. The WIAA has requested that the tournament be hosted at the same two courses, Downriver and the Creek at Qualchan, as it was in 2011. Under our agreement with WIAA, the tournament is supposed to alternate between all four courses. Esmeralda and Indian Canyon are willing to host the tournament. There was no explanation given for the request to stay at the same two courses. Discussion was had regarding why the tournament is split between the Westside and the Eastside of the State. Staff had offered to host four (4) classifications in 2011 at two of the four courses however WIAA decided against doing so. Staff will make the same offer for the 2012 tournament.

4. **Financials** ~ *Rebecca Madany*

LaVonne Martelle presented the Financials in Rebecca Madany's absence. Due to the staff holding down the expenditures, we are below the annual historical expenditures for July. The revenue is down for July, however, one of the reasons we are significantly down compared to last July is due to the fact that we received an admission tax refund last July. Committee members requested a 10-15 year historical overview of the rounds and the greens fees rates. Staff will request the Parks accounting department to prepare a spreadsheet with the historical overview to be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Standing Report Items:

1. Revenue Enhancement/Advertising Update ~ *Pamela McKinzie-Lewis*

There was a brief update on the current golf advertising and email specials. Three of the four courses are currently offering an August special during slow play times on Sundays and Mondays for \$15.00. There is one more ad running in September in the Missoula area which we can also advertise a fall special. Locally, we will run our second ad in the Metro Magazine next month.

2. Course Conditions ~ *Golf Staff*

All four golf courses are in excellent condition. Indian Canyon hosted a Pro Am on Monday and Gary received nothing but positive comments on course conditions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is September 14, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. in the Manito Meeting Room, Manito Park.