GALE KLEINKOPF	PATTY LEE	MIKE MC MASTERS	DOUG PIPER	ED PRATER	MIKE REDMAN	RAY WIGHT
	CHAIR PERSON			VICE CHAIR		

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

TOM COURTNEY	**CITY MANAGER**
GREG LANTING	**CITY COUNCIL LIASION**
MIKE HAMBLIN	**PGA PROFESSIONAL**
DENNIS BOWYER	**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

TWIN FALLS MUNICIPAL GOLF ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

January 14, 2009* * * * * 11:00am * * * * * GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE

Members Present: **Ray Wight, Patty Lee, Ed Prater, Doug Piper, Gale Kleinkopf, Mike McMasters and Mike Redman**

Members Absent: **None**

Council Present: **Greg Lanting**

Staff Present: **Mike Hamblin and Dennis Bowyer**

MINUTES

Patty Lee called the meeting to order at 11:11am. Ray Wight made a motion to approve the November 12, 2008 meeting minutes. Gale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item # 1 Membership – Staff & Commission

Next month in February, two members of the Commission will be serving their last month. Mike Redman and Mike McMasters will have served their two full three year terms. Also, Patty Lee's first three year term will be completed in February. Dennis mentioned they will start advertising for the two openings and have the interviews in February so the new members can attend the meeting in March. He also asked the Commission to have anyone that would be interested in serving on the board to contact Parks and Recreation.

Patty had indicated that she would like to be able to serve another three year term. Ed Prater made a motion to retain Patty Lee on the Golf Advisory Board for another three year term. Gale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Election of Officers – Patty & Dennis

At the beginning of each year, the Commission can choose to elect new officers. Currently Patty Lee is the Chairperson and Ed Prater is the Vice-Chairperson. There is no limit on the years someone could serve as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson or the Commission could elect new officers each year.

Ray made a motion to have Patty Lee continue as Chairperson and Ed Prater to continue as Vice-Chairperson. Ed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item#3 Non Resident Fees/College Season Passes – Staff & Commission

During the public hearing on increasing fees, members of City Council suggested that the Commission review non-resident fees and the college rates. Council also wanted the Commission to review other communities to see if they add on non-resident rates on green fees and season passes and also to review the Twin Falls Public Library's policy on non-residents.

For the library, if you live outside the city limits, you pay $40 for a library card. Residents must show a driver's license with a current address or a letter postmarked within the last 30 days to prove residence. The library has a book that lists city vs. non-city addresses.

Dennis mentioned that with the youth programs, Parks and Recreation charge a resident and non-resident rate. Parks and Recreation takes the person's word for it if they reside in city limits or not. There is no policy in place for checking if they are residents or not.

The City of Idaho Falls has a resident card that is free and gives residents discounts at various places, not just the Golf Course. They must go to Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation Department, Golf Course or City Hall to receive a resident card. The Golf Course advertises their green fees at $20 and if golfers show a resident card, they receive a $2 discount. Approximately 80% of golfers end up paying the higher green fee but a sign is posted in the golf shop about the resident card for $2 discount on green fees. The golf course has a directory of every address that is in city limits.

The Commission discussed the different options of having a resident card in Twin Falls. Dennis said it would be beneficial for the programs Parks and Recreation offers as well as the golf course. He wasn't sure if the pool would be included in it or not. A couple questions came up about having the card renewed each year and if people who lived outside the city limits but owned property in the city would qualify to receive a resident card. Mike Hamblin will check with Idaho Falls and see if they renew their cards each year. Dennis will discuss the option of having a resident card with the Parks and Recreation Commission and to see how to implement how to determine resident vs. non-resident.

In the past three years, approximately 105 junior/college season passes have been sold with an average of 49 being college season passes. Approximately $7500 revenue has been received on college passes. Mike Hamblin reported that no other golf course that he knows of has the same college and junior rate.

Gale Kleinkopf made a motion to reduce the college season passes from $475 to $300. Patty Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 New & Old Business

Dennis explained to the Commission that all Commission meetings will now be held at the City Council Chambers. This will allow more public involvement and we will start televising and recording each meeting so the public can watch them on Channel 17. Greg mentioned that he didn't know anything about this and thinks that the Golf Advisory Board is more informal and should be able to meet at the Golf Course. He is going to discuss it with Council members.

Mike Hamblin mentioned that Lou Connor's son-in-law would like to put a memorial plaque at the golf course. Mike didn't think that would be a problem.

Mike also informed the Commission that carts will be open tomorrow. The course is in good shape through the winter.

Ed asked about the contract with Mike. The deadline to submit proposals in on January 23rd. Dennis has received a few phone calls from interested prospects asking for some more information. Once all the proposals are in, the committee will meet and go over them. The decision will need to be made by July 1st. Greg is going to talk to Council about having members of the Golf Advisory Board to be on the Selection Committee. He is making the recommendation to have more representation from the Golf Advisory Board.

Ed also asked how much money is left from the Fundraiser. Mike Hamblin stated there is approximately $4000-$5000 left.

Mike Hamblin showed the Commission the tiles that will be replaced in the bathrooms. He stated it will cost approximately $1300 per bathroom.

Dennis informed the Commission that they have moved funds around in the Parks budget to be able to build a golf maintenance building. He stated that they have approximately $80,000 available for the building. They will be asking for design proposals soon. The shop will be 1200 square feet and will be heated and have enough room to work in. Greg asked if the design will be able to be easily expanded for the future.

Mike Hamblin would like to see a Capital Improvement project included in next year's budget to upgrade the south shed to be able to accommodate the carts that are in the north shed.

Ray Wight brought up using re-claimed asphalt to redo the cart paths. Dennis will talk to the Street Department to see if they can get that done.

The date for this year's Fundraiser is set for August 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 11th, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave E.

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