GALE KLEINKOPF	PATTY LEE	MATT NELSON	ED PRATER	GARY ROLAND	BRETT SEMPLE	RAY WIGHT
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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

October 14, 2009* * * * * 11:00am * * * * * City Council Chambers

Members Present: **Gale Kleinkopf, Patty Lee, Matt Nelson, Ed Prater, Gary Roland, Brett Semple, and Ray Wight**

Members Absent: **None**

Council Present: **Greg Lanting**

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

MINUTES

Patty Lee called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

Item # 2 Approve minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting

A motion was made by Ray Wight to approve the minutes of the September 22nd, 2009 meeting. Brett Semple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #1 Welcome New Member to the Commission

Dennis introduced Gary Roland to the Commission. Gary Roland was chosen to serve on the Commission after interviewing on October 6th with Mayor Lance Clow, Council Liaison Greg Lanting, Vice-Chairperson Ed Prater and Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer. City Council approved to accept Gary Roland to serve on the Commission to replace Doug Piper's term. Gary's term will expire in February 2010 but has the opportunity to be renewed for two three year terms.

Item #3 Update on Golf Maintenance Building

Dennis updated the Commission on the status of the Golf Maintenance building. The foundation has been poured, the sewer line is in progress and the Water Department is almost complete with the installation of the

water line. They should be able to pour the flooring of the shop this week. Dennis explained that as part of City Code, he will have to apply for a special use permit. A golf course is allowed in an open space zone by a special use permit only. Since the golf course existed before zoning regulations, it never had a special use permit; it has been grandfathered in all these years. There will be a Public Hearing held through Planning and Zoning on October 27th. Letters were mailed out to residents who live within 300 feet of the golf course informing them of the public hearing.

Ray asked how staff decided where to place the building. He mentioned he has had people asking him about it. Dennis explained that it had to be placed outside of the flood zone.

Item #4 Renaming the Golf Course

It was presented to City Council on Monday, October 12th, the recommendation from the Commission to rename the golf course to "Twin Falls Golf Club". Council did not approve of the Commission's recommendation and tabled the request. They directed Dennis to bring it back to the Commission with two names to choose from. The two names Council is recommending the Commission to decide on is "Twin Falls Golf Club at Rock Creek" or "Twin Falls Creekside Golf Club".

The Commission discussed the recommendation. Mike is concerned with the lengthy name being printed on a shirt along with a logo. He has checked with vendors about how many characters can be on shirts and logos. Greg mentioned that shirts can be made up with what you want on them; they don't have to be the exact name. He mentioned that Mike has shirts and hats that say "Muni" on them. Matt is concerned that if we name the course Twin Falls Golf Club at Rock Creek, someone could come in and build a course and name it Twin Falls Golf Club as well. Adding "at Rock Creek" allows other people to add their own addition to Twin Falls Golf Club. Naming the course "Twin Falls Golf Club" would be protecting that name and identifying with Twin Falls.

Gale made a motion to resubmit to Council the recommendation to keep the name "Twin Falls Golf Club" with the reasoning that the other two names leave it open for any other course to name their course "Twin Falls Golf Club". Members of the Commission will attend the Council meeting to present their reasons for keeping the name "Twin Falls Golf Club". Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dennis will send a copy of the staff report for the Council meeting to the Commission.

Brett feels that we need to follow through with the original decision to have a contest for the logo. Patty suggested taking the 2 punch cards and draw names for them if we don't do both contests.

Item #5 Winter Rates

Mike presented to the Commission that he would like to lower the winter rate from $16 to $10. He feels lowering it will get more people out to the course. The Commission discussed lowering the rates. Matt suggested having a reduced rate for City and County residents of Twin Falls only. Ed suggested only allowing play from 11am-5pm. This way the weather is best and there is no frost on the ground.

Ray made a motion to reduce the winter rate to $10 from $16 from November 1st – February 1st. Brett seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Mike will send advertising to every PGA professional, newspapers, Chamber's Friday Fax, etc. of the new pricing if it is approved. He will also e-mail the Commission the last three years of rounds.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Mike asked the Commission what they would like to do with the punch cards this year. Ray feels we should leave the price the same. The Commission agreed.

Mike mentioned he has called Danny Hite about the scorecards. He said they are approximately $3,600 for 100,000 scorecards. Mike will get the exact amount.

Work has been started on the cart paths but they aren't finished.

Mike brought up the cart shed storage of private carts. This has been discussed for quite some time in not allowing any more storage of private carts in the cart sheds with the hope that in the future there will be room to store maintenance equipment. Mike and Gale believe that Council had approved this year's ago. Dennis will look in past Council minutes to see what was discussed. Gale thinks it was between the year's 1995-1999. Ed asked Dennis if there is storage at the Parks and Recreation office. Dennis said there isn't much but we can make room for some of the equipment.

Ed mentioned having a separate website for the Golf Course created. All other courses in the area have a website. Dennis explained that we have a site for the golf course on the City's website but he is trying to get Golf as a separate link instead of having the link under Parks and Recreation. Patty stated that if we are trying to get away from people wanting to golf at a municipal golf course, we should create our own website and not have it under the City's. Gale commented that it would be expensive to do and someone would have to maintain it.

Ray asked if any more revenue has been collected from the invoices sent out from the fundraiser. Dennis has received a check from SRG Flooring. He will call Rex LeForgee with the Community Foundation to see if any more invoices have been paid.

Gale asked if there has been more discussion on moving school golf to the fall. Mike said that if the city golf courses would do it, everyone would switch over. The only course that has a problem with it is Idaho Falls Country Club. Mike asked Dennis what the schools do for Parks and Recreation using the gyms. Dennis said they give us the times and dates of what are available. Dennis suggested the City could tell the golf teams the times and dates the course is available for their use.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 18th, 2009 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, at 11:00am.

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