



Golf Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 25, 2026

PLACE: Erickson Conference Room, City Hall, Galesburg, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Selkirk, Stan Devlin, Jill Johnson Golf Professional Bryan Luedtke, Greenkeeper Matt Miles, Council Liaison Steve Cheesman, Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Bunch, Bob Reedy

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Minutes from the July meeting were approved with a motion from Devlin and a second by Selkirk.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REPORTS:

Director Miles reported that the bid opening for the proposed cart path work would be tomorrow (August 26th). The areas to receive improvements would be areas on holes 5, 6, 13, and 14. Budget meetings with Finance and the City Manager have begun. Preliminary numbers show that the entire department is approximately \$500,000 over budget before capital improvements are considered. So, there is some work to do to get numbers back to an acceptable range.

Council Liaison Cheesman reported that he is still working on the funding possibilities for the capital projects that need to be completed. He has been in contact with people that are familiar with the project that the Peoria Park District completed a few years ago.

Greenkeeper Miles reported that the maintenance crew has been very busy keeping the course in great shape for the nine events that were hosted this past month. A week of heavy rain, heat and humidity along with cart traffic has stressed the turf. The crew is doing their best to keep up with the mowing as the grass is growing vigorously. Equipment breakdowns have plagued staff's ability to get other projects completed, but they have managed to do patch work on some cart paths and complete some mid-season equipment maintenance.

Golf Professional Luedtke reported that rounds were up for July, but revenue is down. The high temperatures kept players from coming out in the afternoons and have noticed an increase in nine-hole rounds, especially in the evenings. The Club Championship had 71 players with four new winners. Other outings hosted were the Junior All-City, Fore! For Freedom, Bixby Cup, Abingdon Legion, and some high school golf events. The annual Elk's outing was cancelled due to excessive wet conditions the day of the event. September still is busy month with leagues finishing their seasons and seven more events scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Golf Professional Luedtke mentioned that there are multiple tee reservations not being used by players that have reserved them, particularly on weekend mornings. A discussion ensued on how the issue could be rectified to increase revenue for the course by keeping the reservations filled.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.