



Winter Pines Golf Course Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2025 at 8:00 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

David Webster, Justin Ingram (@ 8:06a.m.), Nancy Freeman, Sidney Cash, Mark Hitchner, Matt Hurst, Rosemary Maisenholder.

Absent

Staff Present

Parks and Recreation Director Jason Seeley, Assistant Director Cathleen Daus, Operations Manager Gregg Pascale, Recreation Coordinator Laura Halsey

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am by chairperson Sid Cash Jr.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of December 9, 2024

Motion made by Nancy Freeman, seconded by Rosemary Maisenholder, to approve the December 9, 2024 minutes.

Motion passes 6-0. *Justin Ingram arrived just after minutes were passed

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

None present

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. WP18 Golf Instructor Protocol

Mr. Pascale, Golf Course Operations Manager, presented information to the board pertaining to the potential of having an onsite instructor at WP18. Interlachen requested City of Winter Park allow one spot for instructors to set up while they are

under construction. Mr. Pascale provided the board with a recommended Golf Instructor Protocol/Policy. There are currently four instructors at the course: Luann Cherney, Vince Cali, Jeff Golden, and Patti Gaines.

Mrs. Daus, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, stated the item would come back as an action item at the next meeting. This meeting was simply for introduction and discussion of the idea.

Mr. Pascale and Mrs. Daus also provided a brief update on some of the landscaping and aesthetic improvements, such as adding length to tee boxes, planting of calla lilies, hole 3 roadside has azaleas being installed to add pops of color to the course, and a small swale will be installed to assist with the runoff in the area. The goal is to have all the improvements completed by the March 2025 opening. Ms. Freeman believes the protocol should be on the city website.

Mr. Pascale will have updates on golf range technology options. He has been working with TopTracer, InRange, and TrackMan and will have additional information to present at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. TopTracer and InRange seem to be the top two choices at this time, but he has not conducted an onsite meeting with TrackMan yet. Mr. Pascale reminded the board that the first step would be to build the structure and having the parameters of each one would help when building the structure.

Mrs. Freeman suggested the improvements (canna lilies being native, tee box improvements, etc) should be posted on social media and gave Donuts & Divets as an example.

WP9 could be better. It has improved over the last 4 months, and spraying will be done in the immediate future. Staff will be doing everything they can as the warmer weather approaches, trying to get everything completed before their event in May.

b. WP9 and WP18 Revenue Comparisons

Mr. Seeley provided an overview of the revenue and pricing for both courses. The board inquired about the condition of the grass at WP9 and Mr. Seeley explained that with the average high of 55 in January preventing the grass from growing, and the increased number of rounds, we have to expect some damage.

Mr. Cash also pointed out that the course closes monthly for maintenance, which accounts for about \$1500.00 per occurrence.

Board is impressed with the status and the level of activity on the course and at the restaurant. Mr. Seeley stated the restaurant is in permitting stages right now but is making good progress.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Hitchner stated he has a training aid he would like to donate to the course.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Pascale will add the proposals and protocol for instructors, and also the irrigation update.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:46am

Approved by the board

/s/ Laura Halsey, Recreation Coordinator