



Golf Course Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026 at 8:00 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

David Webster, Nancy Freeman, Sidney Cash, Mark Hitchner, Matt Hurst, Dr Patti Dowling, Robert D. Maisenholder,

Absent

Staff Present

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

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of December 8, 2025

Motion made to approve December 8, 2026, by Nancy Freeman, seconded by Patti Downing. Motion passed

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

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

- a. Revenue Comparisons

Gregg provided an update on both courses, noting that overall performance remains strong. Member rounds have remained consistent, while non-member play has increased. A 40% increase in the non-resident rate has contributed significantly to higher revenue. USGA course raters are expected to return to provide feedback on playability and course conditions for both the 9-hole and 18-hole layouts. Overall, rounds and revenue have increased due to higher customer volume, with the rise in

green fees also contributing to the revenue growth.

b. Course Condition Updates

WP 18

Staff is applying sand and conducting aeration to help absorb excess moisture. Efforts are focused on maintaining the health of the existing turf while also managing pace of play. Weeds remain an issue; however, staff will begin targeted spot treatments using sprays and fertilizer. Additional products will be used to address nematodes and mole crickets, with continued focus on emerging weed areas. Work is ongoing at Hole 12 and the tee box on Hole 13 due to stormwater drain maintenance; a temporary green is in place until repairs are completed. Course conditions were significantly impacted by the recent freeze. Staff plans to address this with fertilizer applications. Irrigation repairs have been completed on Tee Box 1, and staff is encouraged to rotate tee markers regularly to preserve turf health.

WP 9

The bunker project is expected to take approximately 10 days to complete, with closure scheduled immediately following the Amateur event. During the closure, staff will also verticut, top dress, and complete tree work. By the end of April, operations are expected to transition fully into the new maintenance facility near Hole 4, with landscaping to follow. There is consideration for redesigning select tee boxes, including Hole 7. Concerns were raised about certain turf areas on the course; staff confirmed that a more aggressive mowing and maintenance approach will be implemented throughout the current growing season to address these issues.

c. Mobile Kitchen Progress Update

The mobile kitchen has been ordered, and staff will meet with city departments to determine plumbing and electrical requirements. The unit will be placed at the location of the current shed, with an estimated delivery date of April 1st. Staff will also evaluate whether an additional grease trap will be needed after installation.

d. Water Filtration System Update

The irrigation system has been shut off five times since installation of the water filtration system, but it is functioning well overall. The goal is for the system to help control chlorine levels and reduce buildup. The installation was successful, and staff will work to make the area more aesthetically pleasing with added foliage.

e. New Social Media Marketing

Winter Park Pines' Instagram and Facebook pages will become more active, with Cole Echelson managing social media for both courses. He will collaborate with the maintenance crew to expand the courses' online presence.

7. Board Comments

Patti raised concerns about Tee Box 16, noting dead vines and a dead pine tree and the lack of security barrier along hole 17. Staff is compiling a list of items that need to be addressed. Staff will work to provide a security barrier along Hole 17; however, vegetation would be difficult to maintain due to the lack of irrigation in that area. A four-foot fence was discussed as a potential alternative.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:42am.

ATTEST:

Approved by the board
/s/ Kesha Thompson, Recreation
Coordinator