

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

JULY 23, 2024

Mr. McDermott called the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Joe Colmone, Greg Gola, Kent Johnson, Brian McDermott and Charlie

Van Slyke

ALSO PRESENT: Cory Ferrell, Manager, Kevin Goss, Superintendent, and Jean Paprocki, the

Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Chuck Howard and Claire Kubiesa

ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2024

A motion to approve the minutes for June 25, 2024 was made by **Kent Johnson** and seconded by **Charlie Van Slyke** with an abstention from **Joe Colmone**. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MANAGER'S REPORT:

July had a great beginning with the 4th of July weekend beginning on Thursday hosting 2 family golf events with just under 200 participants. However, the rest of the weekend had multiple days of rain making riding carts inaccessible at times although there were golfers who came out and walked. The air conditioner had a problem cooling the clubhouse this last week and the Park District staff is looking into the issues. Scheduled activities are beginning to wane with the Tuesday Morning Ladies League at their halfway point with 11 more Tuesdays while the Wednesday Night Ladies League has only 2 more weeks on their schedule. The Summer Junior Golf Camp finished last week with a make-up day from a rain out on July 22nd, and the High School Prep program also finished last week while the Adult and Adult and Youth group classes finished in June. There were 7 banquets this month with a variety of celebrations with 2 large golf outings with 40 plus players included in the banquets. There were only 22 playable days this July with month rounds down slightly from 2023 by 568 rounds which impacted greens fees and cart revenue with a decrease of \$69,904. However, the current year-to-date greens fees and cart revenue shows an increase of \$25,580 over 2023 and \$99,404 more than the 5-year average. At this point, **Brian McDermott** reminded the board that the data presented in prior years included the entire month, but our new system now reports this information only to the date of the meeting so there are still eight days of data to be included in the final report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The early part of July was wet with 6 inches of rain before the 15th with heavy thunderstorms and minor flooding from the 7th to the 15th. Although the Salt Creek overflowed its banks with a short period of flooding, the below average temperatures for July prevented turf scalding and dead grass leaving the course in excellent condition despite the period of heavy rain. Most of the seasonal staff's time was occupied pumping and restoring sand traps, cleaning drains and debris clean-up from the 7th to the 17th. Other projects included repairing several drain lines which were clogged with willow roots, and the quick removal of two large willow trees on the 16th after a storm with strong winds came through on the 15th. The chipping of the branches continued for the next several days. In early July, a joint in the 6-inch steel mainline rusted through and was fixed temporarily, but it is an indication the steel portions of the irrigation system are nearing the end of their lifespan. The excavation and base for the Aboveground Storage Tank have been completed and following inspection, the pouring of the concrete and installation is planned for next week. Semper Fi completed its quarterly maintenance of the creek restoration area last week with the native areas looking good with many species flowering this time of year. In response to a question, Kevin responded that this is the first year of the three-year maintenance program for Semper Fi.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT:

The Board considered the Income Statement for Period 6, 2024. **Brian McDermott** began by highlighting several areas. In revenues, all areas are trending toward making budget with daily use fees, driving range fees, and greens fees \$66,000 over last year. The cart rental fees are almost identical to last year but no carts are used January through April with several days in June limiting the use of carts. In expenses, program supplies were up slightly as new scorecards were printed, and a \$3200 difference in contract and custodial services was noted as we switched from inhouse services in the past. A motion to accept the income statement was made by **Joe Colmone** and seconded by **Greg Gola**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for August 27 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by **Charlie Van Slyke** and seconded by **Kent Johnson** and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,