

**GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 13, 2024**

**1. Call to Order & Attendance**

Meeting was called to order at 5:28 pm by Greg Fair.

Daniel Alvarado		Kevin Ross	<i>present</i>
Greg Fair	<i>present</i>	Sheri Sheppard	<i>present</i>
Jane Arnett	<i>present</i>	Matt Jones	<i>present</i>
David L. Lock	<i>present</i>	Wade Warmes	<i>present</i>
Ronald Schielke	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	
Ceri Davies		Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

**2. Approval of the 3-11-24 meeting minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by David and was seconded by Jane.

**3. Citizen Comments**

**John Hon, Delozier Street** - Mr. Hon said that he has lived in Jersey Village for 45 years but had never been to a committee until the pool committee meeting down at the pool couple weeks ago. He said that he just wanted to start listening.

**4. Items for individual consideration**

**a. Old business**

None

**b. Golf Course Construction Clubhouse Update**

Main clubhouse is finished have been in since 19<sup>th</sup> of April. Everything is running smooth; we are just working out some small tweaks.

Renovation of the new clubhouse was stalled momentarily while they did an inspection on the iron. Had engineers come in, reinforcement construction will start back up soon

Contractors have started moving equipment out and freeing up parking. One construction trailer was moved out today. One of the construction trailers will stay until the other building is completed. The new building is complete.

Some people have asked about handicapped parking. Matt put in two temporary handicapped spaces, but will put in permanent ones so that we are ADA compliant. There are concerns about the safety of the area outside the snack bar due to lack of striping. The issue will be addressed soon.

Some landscaping on the east side and other areas is still left to be done. Staff members have some really unique ideas of enlarging the putting green. Looking to add an extra 1500 square feet. It is a long term goal to enlarge the putting green

The clubhouse is fully staffed.

**5. Staff briefings**

**a. Golf Course Operations Report – Matt Jones**

Revenues in April were affected by the 9 days we were closed for move in.

Once they opened, sales went back up. May revenue is looking like it's going to be back to normal despite offering 20% discounts due to temporary greens. Had an expert come in from Florida Innovative Drainage Technologies. Was able to find every drain below every green. All 18 greens are now completely drainable. Also found the seedbed mix of the original greens. All of the greens have shrunk considerably, possibly on purpose.

Golfing indoors – Virtual meadow – it's been a big hit. Will be running a league soon, may start doing Saturday morning pots. Full Swing is the brand of the virtual simulators. Software is working well. Putting green, hitting bays. New line on the revenues report. No other courses around have them. There are other games available on the simulators. Families are coming and playing together. Can see birthday parties and football games being popular. Just working out a few kinks. Trying to get wait staff over to the bays, or looking into having QR codes for ordering food.

Mondays and Tuesday – Little Meadow is not open, but the snack bar is. Second and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays have been closed for maintenance. Will look into opening some during those days. Will have snack bar, VM, Driving range, clinics, Hitting bays are bookable online. Cost per bay is lower than surrounding bars 30weekday/40weekend. Still working on promoting.

Restaurant vendor is doing well. They have a meeting every 2 weeks, working out suggestions, changing menu from suggestions, snack bar is working well. We have added two new assistant golf pros – Fred Leiber and Anthony Sanchez

Many people have asked if we are ever going to sell cigars. Matt asked the committee's opinion about selling cigars for smoking on the course. Some said that cigars smell bad. Others said they are OK as long as they are not where people are eating. The committee will consider it.

Matt is looking into some designs to protect the persons in the outdoor seating area from getting hit by golf balls. GPS cart programming and geo fencing is being worked on. Can program cart speeds. The rock island on 14 will be a surprise.

**b. Golf Course Maintenance Report – Wade Warms**

Drainage on the greens have all been located. Have had some trees down. Just sent out some soil samples to test for percolation and to determine the age of the greens. Crews are working on things that can be done to improve the greens such as injecting sand into greens. Drains under the greens are working now. Some were completely full of water. Have made some improvements. Area should dry out faster now. Have reshaped one of the greens

Red lines around greens where original greens mix was located. Champions Bermuda grass is coming in tomorrow, will double the size of 17 green. May expand the rest of the greens back to the original size. A good size for a green is 5k square feet. Will look into whether greens need to be replaced. Met with Chet Williams to get ideas, may ask for a master plan for the golf course. Rebuilding greens – best way would be to do them all at once.

Wade is looking into getting covers to protect the greens from freezes and low

temperatures. The cost is high - around 40k for tarps. The greens are about 37 years old. Staff and committee are looking forward to the reports and recommendations. The drainage work that was done will produce instant improvements. Water sitting in the root zone is a recipe for disaster.

The bridge discussion – there was discussion about a proposal to put Jersey Meadow down to Rio Grande alongside the detention pond. There are 3 options that will be discussed at the budget meeting. The committee discussed the bridge. Committee is still behind the closing of the bridge. The discussion is on Wednesday. Council will keep discussing it. It will remain closed until August at least. The current bridge was not designed for the amount of traffic that it handles.

**6. Future agenda items request**

Report on the greens from Wade

**7. Next Meeting Date:**

July 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

**8. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jane and was seconded by David  
The meeting ended at 6:37pm.