

City of Hudson
Golf Advisory Board
October 17, 2012

Attendance:

D. Hanink, G. Roth, D. Konefal, Kadish, T.Wash, M. Zeleznik, G. Andrego, L. Fowler, J. Knoblauch

Mr. Wash called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Ellsworth Meadows meeting Room.

Mr. Knoblauch presented the financial statement from January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.

Mr. Wash commented on the status of the golf course. He stated that the course was in great shape through September. Major focus was given to drainage. Areas were given a priority and the overall process will take several years to complete. Fairway and landing areas in the lowest parts of the course were this year's focus. A noticeable difference was seen by golfers. Mr. Wash also noted the existence of over 90 Ash trees on the course. Staff will be working with the city Arborist for a tree replacement plan with regard to the Emerald Ash Borer problem.

Mr. Wash discussed the long range plan for the golf course. Staff is incorporating drainage, tree removal/replacement and bunker renovation as in-house projects. The largest cost factor of the plan is paving needs. Mr. Wash explained that the course is in need of not only cart paths but parking lot needs and expansion as well. Staff is currently installing asphalt grinding material at high traffic areas. This is free to the course as it comes from the city roads projects. Although this is a great base and will reduce cost of installing base for future paths, it is not a permanent solution. Mr. Smith thought that this process was a good use of material but also stated that a permanent paving was needed in the future. Mr. Roth agreed and said that we need to look at more funding for these types of projects. He said that possible park and/or general funds could be used. Mr. Knoblauch reminded everyone that the goal was to reduce and eventually eliminate park fund use. Staff will continue the grinding install until another option is available.

Mr. Andrego commented that our league play is solid and outing play is around the normal amount of outings for the year. Mr. Konefal said that he has played in several outings at Ellsworth and that he and those he played with were impressed at the level of service and course conditions that they had encountered. Mr. Roth also commented on the conditions and service that he had seen as well.

Mr. Andrego also mentioned that the amount of play seen by Golfnow users has increased. He also said that we are now structuring our Golfnow fees as to not cheapen our golf product. This strategy will avoid the deep discounting that is being seen around the country and at this point is paying off and not affecting the overall rounds of golf at Ellsworth. Mr. Konefal said that he is glad to see us manage the Golfnow fees as he only uses Golfnow for his golf and has seen some extremely low golf prices. Staff will continue to monitor and evaluate other potential golf booking possibilities.

Mr. Wash stated that the next Golf Advisory Board meeting date would be June 2, 2009 at 7am in the Ellsworth Meadows Club House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.