

# IRONHORSE

## Golf Club



### **GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **Meeting minutes from November 15, 1999**

#### **5:30 p.m.**

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Jim Dickson, Mike O'Connell, Dave Fearis, Charles Lewis, Lou Rasmussen and Bob Reid. EAGL staff member Keith Hanley was in attendance. Parks and Recreation staff included Chris Claxton, Jennifer Molton, and Pete Spratlin, and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

A motion was suggested by Dick Fuller to approve the minutes from the September 30, 1999 meeting. Pete noted that the minutes incorrectly stated that Flowtronics designs transformers; they design pump systems. This correction has been made to the record. The motion to approve the minutes with this correction was first made by Jim Dave Fearis and seconded by Jim Dickson.

#### **II. COURSE UPDATE**

Due to time considerations, Pete Spratlin prepared and disbursed a written report as follows:

- **Greens Condition** – Some areas on a few greens still fail to fill in as desired. One of the aspects of Penn Links Bentgrass is that once the soil temperature drops into the low fifties, it shuts down growth for the season. The turf on the greens is quite healthy and has roots an average of four and five inches in depth. The canopy of the green's turf is loose due to the consistent spiking and top-dressing we are using in an effort to try to encourage some lateral growth during this spring-like weather.
- **Rough Condition** – All of the rough on the front nine and in spots on the back nine have been over-seeded with a better mix of Kentucky Bluegrass and a much more tolerant tall fescue that are both suited to IRONHORSE conditions. The weather has allowed us to continue seeding well past what was expected and germination has been good.
- **Irrigation Pump Electrical Supply** – KCPL has agreed to replace our current transformer with a larger transformer that should provide a larger margin for our pump motors to operate within. The transformer that will be installed should be ready for delivery by the week of the twenty-ninth. An emergency agreement is being made with WasteWater for access to the south side of the east end of the course and to the pump station for KCPL.
- **Easement** – All parties involved in the easement have been contacted and updated on the need and any arrangements for the emergency access for the installation of the transformer. Some trees will need to be removed to make it possible for the KCPL truck to enter the golf course. The Director of Operations for WasteWater, John O'Neal, was agreeable to what was needed. Any debris that results from the trees that are removed will be disposed of by golf course personnel. Mr. Large was very understanding of the need for the emergency access and was agreeable to anything that was needed. Brett Haugland of Continental Consulting Engineers had the proposed right-of-way flagged again to ensure that any tree removal or transportation does not take place outside these lines. McCorkendale

Construction is lending the golf course the equipment needed to make the access driveable. The timing of the preparation of the access depends on the availability of this equipment.

- **Pump and Pump Motor Condition** – The pump system has had its annual maintenance check-up by the regional Flow-Tronix technician. One motor is losing a bearing and one pump shaft is rapidly losing a bearing causing vibration that is only getting worse. A specialist on this hardware was brought over to confirm this. It is being recommended that both pumps and shafts be removed and reworked. This work could take up to a month to accomplish. Documentation of what are the areas of concern in the motors is no way of telling the seriousness of their condition. It would not be a responsible action to rely on these pumps and motors through next summer. (To have the motors fully rebuilt will cost about \$10,000 apiece).
- **Pump Dredging of #11 Pond** – I interviewed the owner/operator of Pier One Dredging, Inc. to gain a better idea of the logistics and costs involved in such an operation. In summary, in theory it is an easy site and a very “do-able” job. However, these companies do not even mobilize this type of equipment for less than \$100,000. The amount of silt we are discussing moving is not near enough for them to deal with. Since it has been confirmed by Continental Consulting Engineering that the pond is six to eight feet deep, it may be suggested that the existing silt be left in the lake. A fountain or other type of aeration device should then be installed to keep the pond healthy and aesthetically pleasing.
- **Screening of Turfgrass Maintenance Facility** – Tom Langhoffer has been asking Chris Claxton what might be done to prevent the residents of The Hills at IRONHORSE from seeing the metal building on Mission Road. Mr. Langhoffer and I have spoken and will meet on this issue on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Leaky Roof Railroad Stone Bridge** – The Historic Commission has been contacted to research whether or not there is any interest in moving the hand-cut stone railroad bridge from the IRONHORSE Villas development next to number ten green. New locations could be the new Leawood Park South on Mission Road or number eleven fairway (used as a walk bridge across the creek.)

*This concluded Pete’s written report. The following notes were taken as an addendum to the report:*

A discussion of the urgency associated with **finalizing the easement issue** ensued and resulted in Dick Fuller presenting the issue at the City Council meeting that evening. Chris will ask Dick Garofano to follow up with WasteWater and get a timeline from them. She will get information and report back to the committee on Dick Garofano’s findings.

Also, regarding a 4,500 square foot **nursery green** at IRONHORSE – Snyder brothers could start on this project this year. They may be interested in a trade-off for golfing privileges. The cost with no trade-off would be approximately \$9,000.

Regarding the **replacement of the KCPL transformer**, Lou Rasmussen was very instrumental in the prompt and very accommodating response we received from KCPL officials.

Regarding **the pumps**: if they fail we are in real trouble next spring. Pete cleaned them for the first time in August, and again two weeks ago. The silt and sludge in the filters was very bad. Pete feels that silt is ruining the pumps. Jim Dickson is concerned that no silt be deposited on the greens. Chris asked Pete how soon we needed approval from WasteWater and Pete said we need it right now. Lou Rasmussen promised to acquaint the City Council with this issue and press forward. He also said that S.M.A.C. could provide 75% of the cost for **bank stabilization**. Bank erosion and siltation are both included under the bank stabilization umbrella.

A motion was made by Charles Lewis:

*The golf course committee recommends to the City Council that they direct the City Manager and Public Works to work together with the golf course committee to create a Creek Bank Stabilization proposal.*

The motion was seconded by Mike O'Connell, and made and carried by the committee.

Lou went on to add that priorities in choosing projects funded by the county's stormwater management program's approximately \$7 million a year are 1) safety 2) erosion.

### **III. FEES/ BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Jim Dickson introduced Kathy Rogers, Director of Finance, who, with the help of Chris Claxton, Matt Roberts, Pete Spratlin, and members of the budget committee, put together several budget plans. Jim stated that what is done in 2000 will greatly impact the years following. The plan adopted by the committee was Option C which allows for an across-the-board \$5 fee increase in 2000, and an additional \$2 increase in 2001. An additional \$1 increase in golf car rental will be implemented. *See attached copy of Option C.*

Additional comments made by Kathy and committee members about this issue:

Lou Rasmussen moved that *the golf course committee increase fees in accordance with Option C, finish the installation of a nursery green, finish fixing the tees and spend \$70,000 on fixing the bunkers in the worst condition.*

Jim Dickson seconded the motion. The motion was made and carried.

Kathy Rogers also strongly urged that management not lease needed equipment unless they are able to combine the lease with a number of other items. She said purchasing the equipment is almost always the best option.

### **IV. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dick Fuller asked Matt what the status was of conductor's club pricing, and pricing on hole monuments. Matt said that no definitive plans had been set at this point, but that he will provide information on conductor's club pricing at the next meeting. Matt also informed the group that he had talked further with Dave Garcia about the hole monument idea, and would also provide more information on this at the next meeting.

Chris Claxton stated that at the next meeting the issue of engineering of the creek should be addressed. She plans to invite Phil Gibbs of Continental to attend and discuss the original engineering of the creek prior to construction, plans for our creek stabilization study, (the scope of services), and what improvements will be made and at what cost.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Leawood Parks and Recreation