

IRONHORSE

Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 27, 2000 Meeting –5:30 p.m.

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller, Lou Rasmussen, John Campbell, Jim Dickson, Mike O'Connell, Mike Gill, Bob Reid and Dave Fearis. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, as well as Pete Spratlin and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE .

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Dickson to approve the minutes from the May 25th meeting. Dave Fearis seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Ken Scherer of Green Engineering came to the meeting to discuss lot #16 again, near the #10 fairway. Pete felt that the corner of the proposed lot would end up too close to the creek. Currently, there are two inlets in the development that are collecting water. Pete indicated that perhaps some kind of swale would need to go in. If the 25ft setback that is being requested is granted it would prevent us from accessing the golf course with heavy equipment, without going across the owners property in the rear. Ken suggested that the fence be put out on the corner. Dick Fuller raised the question if council had ever approved this. Chris reported that according to Diane Binckley, there was no record in planning that the plat had been approved. Mike O'Connell asked if flooding would be a problem? He said that the area is question is under water all the time during heavy rains. Dick said we couldn't put ourselves in a situation preventing access to the golf course so there are two questions: 1) Is there an agreement legally binding the city? 2) Has the resolution approved by plan commission been approved by the council?

Pete said the other issue is that due to where the fence is to be located (next to the creek), it would probably not stand too long due to rushing water during the flooding. Ken brought up the point that the city doesn't have access right now due to the position of the lot currently. He asked, "Would the city be interested in buying the lot from Mr. Bell?" Jim Dickson stated that the lot needs to be a certain size before a house can be built on it. Lou Rasmussen said to talk to Dick Garofano and ask him if the city has granted the easement per the resolution. Chris will speak with Dick. Mike O'Connell made a motion to take the issue to Mr. Garofano. Bob Reid seconded the motion. Motion passes. Mr. Scherer leaves the meeting at 6:10. Pete went on to say that if a home is placed on this lot it will restrict water flow.

Dick asked Chris what the outstanding issue was on the agenda

Chris brought everyone up to speed about the house on #13 tee box, lot 46 owned by Riffe homes. This is the lot that was assessed the \$600 for clean up of silt to the tee box due to lack of silt control on the construction. The committee had talked about how close this house looked to the tee/course and appeared to be within the 25' setback. After Sam Maupin went out there, with Land Survey, it was found that the cart

path actually encroaches up to two feet at the deepest point on this property. The builder has threatened to make the city move the cart path and to move his fence to the property line. After speaking with the city attorney, Patricia Bennett, it was recommended that the best solution would be to move the cart path, based on the owner's comments about potentially suing the city.

Chris explained to Patty that moving the cart path would be very disruptive to the golf course this time of year and asked about requesting an easement. Patty thought this could be possible but may not be the best solution. Pete and Matt stated that it would require closing the hole and there is a sharp drop off that would necessitate building a temporary bridge. Dick wanted to know why they built their fence three feet off the property line. Chris felt it must have been due to the terrain of the rear yard on the lot. Chris said we have two options that she can see: 1) Negotiate an easement or 2) move the section of the cart path to the West. Jim Dickson said that we have the responsibility to maintain the course for ourselves but also for the homeowner.

Chris explained the terms of the settlement on the lawsuit on #10. Further, Chris brought everyone up to speed on the easement with wastewater. The assistant city prosecutor, Lisa Wexler is working on getting the easement from Mr. Large processed so that we can move on with the wastewater easement.

Sam Maupin is looking into the two homes on the #18 fairway that still do not have fences. Sam has indicated that he will pursue it and may elect to hold up development on the other phase if the developer, Mr. Simpson, does not get these fences in.

I. General Operations Report

Lou stated that the requests we made in the budget is looking good. The budget is to be approved at the first council meeting in August. Jim asked if this is finalizing the next fiscal year and Lou said yes for 2001.

Matt reported that the course revenues are at 101% of budget and expenses are at 97%. We saw 270 paid rounds on Father's Day. All this is just an indication that the course is in good shape. Fees are in line too. No negative comments. Junior and Senior rounds are right on budget for off peak times. Practice tee and practice facility doing very well and we have been on the mats about one-half the time due to weather. The range is great and the grass is thick. We are coming along with the practice holes (P1-2-3). Still putting sod in but once done, renovation will be complete. The rough is also filling in nicely.

Jim wanted to know when the irrigation will be done. Pete said it will be Fall. Lou mentioned that the course is producing cash flow and not having to borrow any money from the city to replace it. This is a great improvement.

II. Course Update

Pete said that we are close to completing all the bunker work. On the back of #6, once the ground dries more sod will go down. Everything is tying in really well and we are working hard on the rough areas.

Jim asked about the #3 tee. There seems to be lots of traffic. Pete stated that the grass is soft but has been healing quickly

At 6:45 p.m. Dave Fearis motioned to adjourn. Mike O'Connell seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Field
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