



City of Longview

Recreation Office,
2920 Douglas
Longview, WA 98632

Minutes - Draft

Mint Valley Golf Advisory Board

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

4:00 PM

Recreation Office, 2920 Douglas

1. Roll Call

Called to order at 4:00 pm – Rick Parrish

Attendance (Board Members/Staff): Rick Parrish, Ken Pence, David Schloss, Scott Knapp, Jim Nickerson, Nick Van, Ken Botero, Chuck Berquist

Attendance (Constituents): Jarl Opgrande, Gordon Jones, Tom Gilles, Jim Enyeart, Rick Maj, Steve Morrill, James Bennett, Dave Grumbois

2. Approval of Minutes

Ken Pence moved to approve minutes from April 18, 2018, David Schloss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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MVGAC Minutes DRAFT 04.18.18

Attachments:

[MVGAC Minutes DRAFT 04.18.18.pdf](#)

3. Constituent Comments

David Grumbois asked for clarification regarding Nick Van's departure. He expressed his opinion of Mr. Van as a "wonderful asset to the course" and asked for due consideration when the time comes for city assume management of the Pro-shop.

Steve Morrill asked if we (the City) believe we can get a better deal (that Nick Van)? Response: We were interested in negotiation on individual items. Nick Van disputes the accuracy of this statement and stated his disbelief that the city would make any such offer.

Ken Pence questioned why the City doesn't think it makes more sense to purchase NV Golf's merchandise.

Jim Enyeart suggested that weather had something to do with the less than stellar play numbers rather than NV Golf management practices. Reponse: No, not accurate. Mr. Enyeart then stated he does not feel his money is well spent at Mint Valley Golf Course so now he golfs at Three Rivers.

Steve Morrill questions the validity of management of Pro-shop by Parks & Recreation. Response: Continuity of revenues and expenditures. Mr. Morrill asked that these numbers be provided.

Rick Parker asked if the city was planning to outsource management now rather than wait until October to decide. Response: October deadline for decision was at the direction of City Council. Outsourcing is not currently an option. Additionally, he stated the Men's club is concerned with the fast time turn around and the management group not having the same dedication as NV Golf management has for the course.

Ross Newhall, Mint Valley Golf member for the past 9 years, prior to NV Golf Management stated he supports Nick Van 100% based on enthusiasm and believes golfers come because of Nick. Believes we are "silly" if we do not actively recruit him for Pro-shop management post contract. He feels it would be "asinine for the city to take over. Believes golfers as a whole would support Nick. Believes this is a personal issue."

Tom Gilles stated to Director Wills the following: "You do not know more about the golf course. My understanding is you are not that fond of Nick. Don Jensen has stated in public that Nick was an asshole. This is a personal issue."

Rick Parker requested clarification on the timeline and asked if there would be merit in attending city council meeting. Response: Yes, City Council would consider adjusting moving timeline.

Steve Morrill – Comment: "No one in this room has changed their decision about the intent. Parks has made a personal decision to remove Nick."

Gordon Jones – "I'll just go to a different course."

4. Board Member Comments

David Schloss expressed the need for clarification regarding liability, specific to Hole #5/walking path and where the responsible lands if a walker is struck with a golf ball while on the trail. Response: Golfers are responsible for any ball regardless of which hole, range, in or outside range, etc. Golfer is always responsible.

5. Reports**5a Golf Course Superintendent Report**

Scott Knapp, Course Superintendent reported on the continued use of older irrigation to keep grass alive. He also provided an update on the progress of ongoing repairs to the irrigation system. Additional updates were provided on tree removals, stump grinding, fertilizing of greens for slower growth. David Grumbois inquired about the financial impact of watering the grass during the winter months.

5b Pro-shop Manager Report

Nick Van, Pro-shop Manager reported on tournaments, stating the scheduling of 19 tournaments between present day and member/member tournament. A full list of tournaments and club events are available upon request. Inventory is dwindling and ordering has ceased. Members have been asked to use credits on the books.

5c Directors Report

Directors Report:

Jennifer Wills, Director report on Quarter 2 Play & Revenue report distributed. Mrs. Wills also reported on the business plan set for review in October on expenditures and revenues for Pro-shop as well as ongoing discussion of subcontractor contract negotiations. Mrs. Wills also stated that City Council has the final say on if and when the city will take over the management of the Pro-shop. Ken Pence asked for clarification on the timeline for obtaining RFP's should the city decide not to take over the management of the Pro-shop. Board member Pence also asked for clarification on the decision from the City not to procure NV Golf's inventory.

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2nd Quarter 2018 Play & Rev Report

Attachments: [2nd Quarter 2018 Play & Rev Report.pdf](#)

6. Old Business

N/A

7. New Business

N/A

7a Questions/Discussion

See Constituents Comments

8. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:37 P.M. - Next Meeting, TBD