

City of Hudson  
Golf Advisory Board  
June 17, 2014

Attendance:

G. Roth, J. Hoover, R. Kadish, T. Wash, M. Zeleznik, G. Andregio, L. Fowler, J. Knoblauch, K. Smith, D. Konefal

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, 2014 through May 30, 2014.

Mr. Knoblauch commented that the rounds were down due to the extended winter weather well into April. Expense was down largely to the full time reduction in payroll. Mr. Roth asked how the \$20,000 park fund reduction could be reclaimed. Mr. Smith said that is not the plan and that it is a separate issue. Mr. Roth said that the parks are overfunded and that he feels money is being wasted because of it. Mr. Konefal asked if it is mapped out to reduce park funds to the golf course. Mr. Knoblauch reminded him that yes it is Council's goal to reduce the funding at this time. Mr. Hoover was glad to see that the golf course was meeting its operational needs and that any deficit was due to the initial improvement debt and sewer assessment at the time of purchase. He also said that most other courses were not even meeting operational needs. Mr. Smith also was glad to see this aspect of the operation as well as Mr. Roth. Mr. Roth commented that there are capital needs at the course like cart path improvements and clubhouse updates and how that could be funded. Mr. Smith said that Council is planning "deep dives" into budgets and will discuss the golf needs at that time. Mr. Roth said there may need to be a changing of issue 3 funding. Mr. Smith said that can be discussed at a future time. Ms. Kadish said she supports the golf course but would like park support from the golf board as well.

Mr. Wash stated that the Ash trees on the course are slowly dying. He also said that staff is removing any safety concerns as they arise. With over 240 Ash trees on the course, staff is working with City Arborist Tom Munn in an effort to apply for grant funding for the removal of the Ash trees. Ms. Kadish asked of the timing of the removal. Mr. Wash said that it would not be determined until the spring of 2015. Mr. Wash said that the course was in good shape and that golfers were commenting on the outstanding condition of the greens. Mr. Roth agreed that they are the best he has played on in some time. Mr. Wash stated that Ellsworth was selected 100 courses around the country to try the new 15 inch putting cup to lure in new golfers. These along with other uses such as foot golf (golf/soccer combination) are just a few ways to bring other players and uses of the property. Staff will update the board as they implement these new venues. Mr. Konefal asked about the pace of play issues and wanted to know if staggering tee times might help. Mr. Andregio stated that we already stagger the times and is a part of our improvement of pace of play.

The meeting was adjourned at 9am.