

City of Hudson
Golf Advisory Board
June 18, 2013

Attendance:

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

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, 2013 through May 31, 2013.

Mr. Hanink asked to look at the financial breakdown on an operational vs. debt view. Mr. Knoblauch will provide that information.

Mr. Wash presented a rate comparison with the surrounding area courses. Mr. Roth asked if there was any negative reaction to the rate increase this year. Mr. Wash said there was no reaction at all. Mr. Roth then said that the course was in great shape and warranted the increase.

Mr. Wash informed the board that they would now be using the city web site for their e mail marketing and on line tee time reservations. Mr. Smith asked how this would compare to the vendor used in the past. Mr. Wash said that this was a new process to all involved and will be reevaluated at the end of the season.

Mr. Wash Shared that rounds were down slightly (647) and that this was due to weather. Mr. Hanink asked how weather was handled with regard to labor and Mr. Wash said that when there are conditions that do not favor play that labor is cut accordingly.

Mr. Wash shared the potential of renegotiating the current golf cart lease. He stated that Lake Erie Golf is willing to end our current lease that now costs \$64,900 per year. Two options are available , 5 and 7 year. Mr. Smith said he liked the 7 year option as it lowered the yearly cost to \$57,500 annually while still retaining quality carts. Mr. Hoover agreed. Staff had already had that recommendation in mind and will proceed accordingly. Mr. Wash also said that they looked into used fleet options but that longevity and quality were a concern. Mr., Roth agreed that used was not the way to go. Mr. Hanink also thought that was not a good idea.

Mrs. Kadish asked why the fuel category was so low at this time of the season as there was only \$400 spent to date. Mr. Wash informed her that while new fuel tanks are being installed and inspected that the parks were delivering fuel until the tanks are complete. At that time the parks will re fuel at the course until the amount of fuel is replaced. This ne tank will allow all to save on pricing in the future.

Mr. Wash said that Ellsworth will be a part of the Audubon Golf Program. This will enhance the wildlife inventory and practices utilized at Ellsworth. Mrs. Kadish and Mr. Smith thought this was a great addition for the golf course and community.

Mr. Andrego commented on the golf leagues. He stated the with the exception of Friday evening that Ellsworth has almost filled all tee times available for golf leagues. Mr. Konefal commented on how crowded the course is in the evenings while he uses the driving range. Mr. Andrego also

stated the group outings are in line with the last several years. Ellsworth hosts around 70 outings per year and range in size of 20-140 golfers. Mr. Roth said that he plays in many outings at Ellsworth each year and that Staff presents a great product. Mr. Konefal made similar comments about the outings that he plays in as well. No other comments or concerns were addressed.

Mr. Wash stated that the next Golf Advisory Board meeting date would be October 15, 2013 at 8am in the Ellsworth Meadows Club House.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.