

**Foss Park District
Golf Committee Meeting September 5, 2017**

Call to order: Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Roll Call:

Board members present: Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Tony Jones, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Bernie Semasko.

Board members absent: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Business:

Discussion: Golf course operations

Michael Herring reported that the pavilion is staying booked and with golf season coming to an end, purchases and staffing is being reduced. Commissioner Johnson was concerned with people parking on the grass to unload. Commissioner Semasko stated he wants the people parked in handicapped spaces to be ticketed. Commissioner Robinson asked to explain why there was so much beer left over.

Mr. Herring explained that he will adjust the beer orders to coincide with the end of the season. He continued that he will not purchase as much and what is left over can be sold as a special.

Commissioner Jones noted on September 4, there was only one staff on duty. Mr. Skof stated it needs to be understood when the golf course is busy, such as weekends, holidays and golf outings and staff appropriately.

Theresa Sarpong presented a written report on costs for play from surrounding golf courses.

Gabriel Monroe stated staff is working on presenting new rates for the 2018 season and will have them for approval at the Regular Meeting in September. Commissioner Robinson stated the food and beverage should be making money.

10:42 am Commissioner Johnson leaves the room.

Mr. Skof stated the food and beverage has changed from a snack shop to a restaurant/bar. Commissioner Robinson stated the budget should be set for the golf course and maintenance and next year's budget should be examined closely.

10:45 am Commissioner Johnson comes back into the room.

Mr. Monroe stated social media is being used to entice golfers and the Foss Card is losing its appeal to golfers. He continued his recommendations are to revamp the food and beverage, reviewing Golf Course staffing and Golf Course maintenance. Commissioner Johnson stated in the past, recommendations of staff were fought and Commissioner Robinson stated this Board is open to suggestions.

Commissioner Johnson stated he would like to see a youth golf program for the community and Mr. Monroe stated is looking to include a young adult golf pass for next year. He continued that customer service is a priority.

Commissioner Jones stated staff has the flexibility and there is no reason to come to the Board about daily operations. Mr. Monroe stated he has been working with staff to control spending and will get the new rates to the Board.

Commissioner Semasko asked that the starter/ranger schedule be looked at and Commissioner Johnson stated the staff should be in uniform and should watch language when on duty.

Commissioner Jones turned the meeting back to Commissioner Johnson.

Citizens Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Johnson stated the meeting will stand adjourned at 11:56 am with no objections.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary