

***DRAFT*- Golf and Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes**
Golf and Cemetery Shop Conference Room, 600 West 23rd Avenue
May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by board president Jeff McEntee.

Board members present: Joel Reinesch, Joe Schlimgen, Tom Young, Jeff McEntee, Lynette Shattuck, Mark Graham, and city council rep Dan Sabers

Staff present: Eric Hieb, Jason Gunnare, and Kevin Nelson

Absent: Terry Reitveld

Delegations: None

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None. Motion to approve by Reinesch and seconded by Shattuck. Motion carried.

The board minutes from the April 14, 2025 meeting were motioned to be approved by Schlimgen and seconded by Young. Motion carried.

Next, was an overview of the **clubhouse report was presented by Eric Hieb**. Hieb overviewed the April course stats, indicating that an average of right around 200 golfers per day are making use of the course as of late, with a high of 290 rounds played on Saturday, 5/10, and a low of 150 on a recent 'very windy' day. Hieb also noted that there are 85 'new-new' members (had never before been members) at Lakeview thus far this season. He explained that the inflow of new memberships pretty much subsidizes for the season by the end of June, with the exception of Fun Passes (city employee 'package' memberships that include member access to several recreational facilities).

Next, was a review of the **financial reports**. Gunnare printed and distributed a 'current' copy of the financials, as Nelson indicated that all entries (by the finance department) for the month of April had not been completed when he had printed them. Gunnare overviewed first the cemetery financials, pointing out a couple of larger purchases. Regarding the golf course, he pointed out that membership revenue was more than \$27K ahead of last year at this time, that range memberships were \$1,400 ahead (of the same), that driving range ball (by paid-per-bucket) use was up over 30 percent, and that green fees were up \$3,500. The question was asked as to from where all the golfers were coming, to which Hieb replied, "all over." A motion was then made by Reinesch and seconded and Graham to approve the financial reports for both the cemetery and golf course. Motion carried.

Next, was the **superintendent report by Jason Gunnare**. Gunnare overviewed seasonal staffing to date, indicating that cemetery grounds prep could be challenging due to the timing of MHS (some of his workers) graduation being later and that of Memorial Day being earlier, essentially the same weekend that work needs to be completed. He also discussed the challenges with

heavy course use and the way that golfers do not respect the course/grounds (in that they are traveling repeat paths on the fairways, getting close to greens, driving over tee boxes, etc. Discussion ensued as to geo fences (to impact Lakeview carts), possibly phasing out private carts, educating golfers on course etiquette, signs indicating, 'Carts on Cart Paths Only' (near the greens), the possible need for a course 'Marshall,' etc. Gunnare explained that the ropes are moved every time they mow but that this approach can do only so much (to alleviate overuse, misuse, and abuse).

Next was the **events schedule**. Hieb overviewed what seemed to be a very lengthy schedule of events, but he indicated that it was only one more than last year, that being the House GOP Fundraiser w/Shotgun Start. It was determined that this event should be on August 11 versus the possibly two weeks later on August 25.

Next, was the **Project Progress Discussion**. It was noted by Gunnare that Jeff Clapp from Duinnick Construction was scheduled to be on site on May 23 to address the sod on the tee tops. He further explained that the newly seeded areas started 'coming in' on June 12, and that these areas should be ready for play at the end of June. Gunnare also noted that traffic around number 14 was causing the most concern.

Next, was **Capital Projects Priority** discussion. Gunnare distributed a list of proposed capital projects for 2026 through 2030. He explained that Kevin Norby (course phases architect) would be providing estimates soon for the proposed next phase. Discussion ensued as to timing versus budgeting, etc. Also discussed were secured and proposed/possible State high school golf tournaments to be held at Lakeview in 2028 and 2029 in relation to how this might impact course work. It was noted that they should plan to accommodate the meets and then change (to not be able to accommodate) if necessary. Gunnare noted that one item that wasn't addressed in the project list was a (needed) new overlay or rebuild of existing cart paths.

The next meeting was set for June 9 at 5:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.