



**PUBLIC GOLF COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022**  
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**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Commissioner Demmer called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: David Demmer, Noah Kramer, Jim Sandness, Steve Kinney, Dan Baumgartner, Tammy Sundbom, Amanda Crosby

Not Present: Thomas Griggs, Troy Barnette

**III. Approval of the November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Demmer motioned to approve the November 16 meeting minutes. Second Kramer. Motion carries.

**IV. Presentations and Informational Updates**

A. Golf Operator RFP Update (Informational) – Jess Peterson, Manager

Sandness questioned when the golf course operator will be selected by. Peterson indicated this would occur by May, which will entail a City interview panel.

B. 2022 Enger Programming (Informational) – Mike Bender, PGA General Manager

Demmer questioned what percent of season pass holders are youth vs. adults. Bender shared the majority of youth pass holders are 15 or 16 years old, but include ages 5-16. Stated the numbers for youth season passes are lower than for adults as they try to recruit to be lifelong players.

**V. New Business**

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A. Set Agenda of Next Meeting, David Demmer, Committee Chair

Jess Peterson shared there is leadership turnover within the Public Golf Committee, as both Parks and Recreation Commissioners expressed they would be stepping down. President Crosby shared she will be attending the meetings moving forward, and is seeking interest from the Parks and Recreation Commission to see who will volunteer to serve on the Committee. Questioned how the Committee would like to proceed with the Public Golf Committee, whether it is continuing as already scheduled for the remainder of the year, or an alternative.

Demmer stated he hopes that Commissioner(s) will step in to attend the Public Golf Committee, as well as members from the Friends of Duluth Public Golf.

Baumgartner stated he has not yet found a replacement rep from the Friends of Duluth Public Golf for the Public Golf Committee.

Kinney stated the importance of continuing the Public Golf Committee in order to keep individuals informed with current golf topics.

Jess Peterson shared we are not here to prescribe a solution, but the role is to share the options available, which is the continuation of the Public Golf Committee (so long as President Crosby attends) or switch to an Advisory Committee. Demmer requested to have this be an agenda item for the May meeting and develop a recommendation for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Crosby stated the preference would be to discuss during the next Public Golf Committee, followed by the Parks and Recreation Commission.



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Griggs questioned if the City or City Council would respond to suggestions from an Advisory Committee. Jess Peterson shared this would occur, based on the charge. Indicated the ability to communicate within an Advisory Committee would be different, as formal sub-Committees such as the current status of the Public Golf Committee require more formalities. Mentioned there would not be an appointment process for Advisory, but will exclude further Parks and Recreation staff resources. Jess Peterson shared an update on the timeline for the Enger Golf Course Renovation will occur at the next meeting.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be May 17, 2022 location TBD.**