

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TARRANT  
CITY OF GRAPEVINE**

The Golf Course Advisory Board of the City of Grapevine, Texas met in regular session on this **18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024** at 5:00 p.m. at the Grapevine Golf Course, 3800 Fairway Drive, with the following members present:

Louis Capone	Member (Present) •
Mario Valles	Member (Not Present)
Robert Blalock	Member (Present)
Tom Cherry	Member (Present) •
Deborah Gore	Member (Present)
Ronnie Hatley	Member (Present) •
Dion Christison	Member (Present)
Bryan Humphreys	Member (Present) •
Jonathan Wall	Member (Present) →

Constituting a quorum, with the following members of the City Staff:

Robert Singletary	Director of Golf
Eric Hunt	Head Golf Professional
Merlin Tielkemeir	Head Superintendent
Archie Grine	Restaurant Manager
Paul Slechta	City of Grapevine Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Cherry called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Brian Trueblood gave citizens comments about veterans receiving a discount on their green fees that is similar to other public golf courses. He would like veterans in his golfing group to receive a discount. Robert has investigated other courses on discounted rates and he found there were several courses that do extend a discount and some course that don't advertise the discount. Brian has also investigated other courses for discounted rates.

**New Business**

1) Robert commented on the executive summary report for the 3rd quarter. Rounds were down by 7% by the weather (rain outs on weekends). Cart fees were slightly up due the rate increase. Weather impacted most revenue streams due to lack of rounds.

The Texas Women's Open was a great success even with the weather delays. The pro-am was canceled due to the massive storm that hit the course on Tuesday morning. The course receive a ton of rain, but played very well and slightly longer. Received lots of positive comments from the players and the Legends are very excited to be back next year. Bryan Humphreys commented positively on how the course played even with all the rain. Working with the NTPGA staff was super positive and were very respectful to the course and entire staff.

We are on track to do around 73,000 rounds, but if the weather this summer is nice we probably will do more.

We hired Chris Wilson as a shop attendant to have a full golf shop staff. He will work around 15-20 hours per week.

Tom Cherry asked about how we are balancing tournament around public play. We are getting lots of requests and we do think long and hard whether to book that particular event. Robert Blalock asked about whether we would do a double tee during the week. We will and have done a double tee during the week except on Wednesday's. The tee time intervals were changed for the first couple of hours of the day.

2) Merlin commented on the golf course conditions. The crew has had a good summer based upon the weather. The Poa that were on the greens was gone before the TWO. They will be spraying chemicals earlier and more often during the fall months. They will be doing greens aerification during July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. So far, it has been a great summer.

3) RS and MT commented on the short game facility. There has been 3 weeks of grass growth as they sprigged the chipping green on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be building a cart path closer to the green, but may be extended. RB asked about the sand for the bunkers and MT informed him that sand has been on back order for some time but we would receive sand in time. We will not open the area until the first part of October/late October. The range tee extension will probably open earlier. We will have some rules and standards for people who want to use the facility.

4) Archie commented on Persimmon's and how much more busier it has been the past 3 months. Busier with the successful tournament season in the spring. They are looking to enlarge and organizing the kitchen area to become more efficient. They need more storage space, more walk in space and more cooler space for food and beer.

RB asked about the equipment in the newly redone Concourse. The equipment would be just rewarming but nothing to cook food. We want to be on the same page with kitchen equipment.

BH asked what Tiehl & Tiehl will be doing. AG informed all they will be doing a study to expand the kitchen with a couple pieces of equipment. They will give us a good, better, best survey.

It is great positive news that Persimmon's is busier not just for tournaments. We will open the Bunker when staff is available and when needed.

5) Eric commented on the instruction programs which continue to grow. David's junior academy is growing and has had to split up some of his kids to make sure they are getting good instruction based upon their ages. Eric's Get Golf Ready classes are full with repeat students.

EH is getting lots of tournament requests and does weigh the requests with the public play. He is starting to book in 2025. He will balance tournaments with public play better. All events with 20+ players must do food in Persimmon's.

### **CONSIDERATION of MINUTES**

Consideration to approve the minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting were approved by a motion by Lou Capone with a second from Bryan Humphreys.

**ADJOURNMENT**

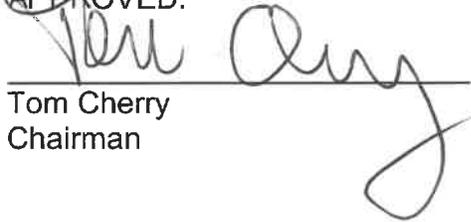
Tom Cherry asked for an adjournment of the meeting (5:43pm) and a second was made by Robert Blalock. All were in favor and no one opposed.

ATTEST:



Robert Singletary  
Director of Golf

APPROVED:



Tom Cherry  
Chairman