

**KMGA Monthly Meeting
June 16, 2009
Minutes**

President	Vice President	Secretary	Greens Chair
Tom VanderBerg	David Vernier	Teresa Snook	Rick Margelis
Board Members			
Vic Callahan	Bob Cavanaugh	Chuck Clinard	Quincy Franklin
Noel Ocen	Lee Stuart Jr.		
Director of Golf	Business Manager	Greens Superintendent	
Steve Tyler	Don Brinks	Ron Williams	
City Manager		Parks and Recreation	
Ken Collard	Thomas Skrobola	Frances Jewell	Jerome Kisscorni
City Commissioner	Clerk's Office – (Minutes only)		
Barbara Miller	Scott Borling		

- **The Minutes** of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved, although these minutes are unofficial, as there was not a quorum.
- **Don Brinks presented the Business Manager's Report.**
 - **YTD Financials -**
 - Due to a prosperous March, revenue was up by approximately \$30,000 over YTD 2008.
 - Although KMGA was able to pay \$40,000 more in labor costs this spring, it was still necessary to borrow \$133,000 from Steve Tyler until revenues allow repayment later this summer. Fifty thousand dollars will be paid to Steve this week.
 - Restroom renovations totaled \$7,000.
 - A \$95,000 Master Plan payment is due, but the funds are not available.
 - **Eastern Hills -**
 - Eastern Hills Concessions is the name of the new business established for the food and beverage side at Eastern Hills Golf Course. Milham Park Enterprises is Steve Tyler's firm and is responsible for soft goods and equipment sales at the City courses. KMGA runs the golf business.
 - The \$220,000 loan from the City's Economic Development Committee was deposited into the EH Concessions account. KMGA will pay interest-only (3%) for three years, and then principle payments will begin. Monthly statements will be provided to Board members.
 - **Audit** – the auditor recommends that the staff obtain addresses and phone numbers when selling memberships.
 - Steve Tyler believes that it is best to spend in the Spring in order to adequately prepare the golf courses for play then reduce spending as much as possible.
 - Ron Williams will cut labor beginning in August.

- **Steve Tyler presented the Greens Chairman's Report**
 - **Eastern Hills** -
 - West Nine Flooding Issues
 - The water table is at a 30-year high.
 - Hole #5 is still waterlogged (up to the knees), and equipment cannot get in. Water is being pumped to the original 18; at one point sprinklers were running 24 hours a day for five days.
 - Brian & Ron installed new pumps on raised platforms. These men did a great job, resulting in costs of only \$11,000. This system has self-cleaning filters, will cut electrical costs, and will last approximately 20 years. KMGGA was able to pay for the upgrade with its own cash flow instead of obtaining a loan.
 - An Ash tree on #9 is being treated. Another Ash tree on this hole – not being treated – is 60% dead.
 - Moss on the green of #10 is being treated.
 - The equipment on Hole #16 is very old.
 - The ponds and fountains are being treated for algae.
 - **Milham Park** -
 - Hole #4:
 - Drainage work is being done next to the tee boxes.
 - Clean-up work behind the green now allows more sun and air movement. The City donated woodchips to enhance the look.
 - Bunker work was completed on #15.
 - New plantings include Sugar Maples and Locus trees.
 - Development of Heather areas (out of play) have saved about five hours of maintenance work per week, and the staff is receiving a lot of compliments regarding these areas.
 - **Red Arrow** -
 - Fourteen memberships at \$100 each have been sold.
 - Thursday is KIDS DAY – Green's fees are \$2 for those 16 & under
- **Steve Tyler presented the Golf Director's Report.**
 - **KMGGA President Resignation** – Orlin Loen resigned as a Board member due to health issues (see attached letter).
 - Tom VanderBerg and David Vernier were unanimously approved as the new KMGGA President and Vice President, respectively.
 - Orlin will be invited to, and honored at, the Board's annual golf outing this fall. Frances Jewell and Barbara Miller will pursue a proclamation from the City for Orlin's long and exemplary service.
 - Discussion ensued regarding appointment of a new Board member. The new member must be a City resident. Steve Tyler and Tom VanderBerg will examine the by-laws and explore options for a new appointment. Teresa Snook (Secretary) will investigate, and report at the July meeting, whether there are any eligible candidates from the November 2008 election.
 - **Eastern Hills Construction/Beer & Wine License** -
 - Construction is complete.
 - License approval is on the agenda in Lansing tomorrow (6/17/09). We should be receiving it within the next week to ten days.
 - Club Keno will probably generate about \$10,000/year.

- **GES, Inc.** (Sonoco on Portage Road) will send a representative to monitor the wells in and around Milham Park in September.
- **Friends of Recreation** (see attached letter) – Steve Tyler encouraged KMGGA Board Members to secure a four-some and play in this fund-raiser outing on July 17. Cost is \$125 per person, \$60 of which is tax-deductible. Proceeds will go to the Youth Development Center.
- **New Business**
 - There is a possibility of a cell phone tower going up at Eastern Hills. KMGGA would be paid approximately \$15,000/year by the cell phone company for use of the land.
 - A question was raised regarding lowering prices during “down” times of the week. Steve Tyler is exploring ideas.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa L. Snook, KMGGA Secretary