

KALAMAZOO MUNICIPAL GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
May 21th, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Curt Wiser
Vice President:	Steve Haase – Phone In
Board Members:	Larry Braithwaite Kevin O'Toole John Bradshaw John Hambright Chris Christian

Director of Parks and Recreation	Patrick McVerry
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tania Brammer
Steve Vicenzi
Erin Adams
David Sheilds

Director of Golf	Dean Marks
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GUESTS PRESENT:

Approved minutes are forwarded to: Shelby Moss for Scott Borling, City Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm at Milham Park Golf Course.
2. **Minutes of April 16th, 2026 meeting were approved.**
3. Director of Golf Report:
 - April revenue was flat, which is better than if felt considering the rough weather. Expenses are within budget.
 - GPS screens for Milham Park are delayed due to “global shipping delays”. They are targeting the week of June 8 for installation.
 - Hole 13 at Milham Park has been sodded and is looking good.
 - Quote for Milham Maintenance Barn has been received. \$168,500.

- PGA Junior League is underway and we have a record number of participants. Currently at 72 in the 13U program, 26 in the 17U program, and 8 in the 9U program. Regionals this year are at Bedford Valley the last week of September. KJGA tournament schedule will go live this weekend. We've retained all the same courses except for Kalamazoo Country Club.
- John B brought up if the estimate for the maintenance building is not approved by the city, we should look at doing a capital campaign. He made a motion to use 2026 bonds to pay for the building and then determine if we receive funds from the City budget for 2027. Seconded by Steve H. Motion passed.

Events

- May 30-31 – Bob Millar – Milham Park
- June 7 -Big Hole – Eastern Hills
- June 26 - First Tee Marathon---Eastern Hills
- June 27-28 – Kalamazoo County Amateur – Eastern/Milham
- July 13 - Drive, Chip, and Putt---Milham Park.
- July 24 - Support Red Arrow Fundraiser---Milham Park.

Greens Committee:

- Milham has received many compliments on playing conditions thus far this year. Question has come up about boxes on tees to replace/fill divots at tee boxes.
- Eastern has requested more mulch for course. Vandalism has increased due to homeless moving outside of city to Comstock and township.
- Request for Green tees on the west course has come in.

Starters/Rangers:

- New signs have been put up on gazebos at Milham and Eastern
- New Tablets for starters are able to give start, turn, length of play and names of players.
- New people have been trained and are having good results.
- Milham has flags on carts for rangers, but Eastern will not put them on. There is resistance from Eastern on the starter and ranger program coming from the clubhouse.
- Dean will go out to Eastern and put signs up for recruiting rangers and starters. He will also put the flags on the carts for starters/rangers.

Capital Needs Sub-Committee:

- See above for maintenance building item.

5. Old Business

- Club Championship ideas were brought back up to see if there needs to be changes, possibility of having Seniors Play different tees, also a suggestion of playing a qualifying round and have a one day final at Milham.
- Trying to get more people to play in the CC is the main topic being worked on. Different ideas have been brought up like holding it one day with 27 holes, keeping it two days, offering a larger payout towards membership. The main item is trying to recruit people that haven't not played to play and become members.
- Dean is going to work on getting the larger email list of league players and members to John H to create an email to survey questions on why you do or don't play and what options would be enticing to play. Info will be distributed by June Meeting.

6. New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectfully submitted by

Patrick McVerry, Secretary