

KALAMAZOO MUNICIPAL  
GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Milham Park Golf Course  
August 29, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President

Vice President:

Secretary:

Board Members:

Patrick McVerry

Kevin O'Toole

John Hambright

Larry Brathwaite

David Shields

Steve Haase

Tania Brammer

Dir. Parks and Recreation

Patrick McVerry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Heiniman

Steve Vicenzi

Curt Wiser

John Bradshaw

STAFF PRESENT

Director of Golf:

Dean Marks

Approved minutes are forwarded to

Shelby Moss, Deputy City Clerk

Scott Borling, City Clerk

The special meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

**1. Irrigation Report by Ron Williams – Superintendent**

- **Hydraulic system status:** Over halfway complete, but still significant work to be done.
- **North side hydraulic control:** Eliminated, all functions now manual.
- **South side issues:** Electrical problems, manual operation for some areas, weeping heads due to hydraulic system.
- **New system:** Running well on the south side.
- **Completion timeline:** Aiming to finish before the start of next golfing season, weather permitting.
- **Recent challenges:** Hitting underground pipes and cables during work on the north side.

- **Current tasks:** Wiring heads, digging up heads, fixing leaks.
- **Future Plans:** Continue with the north side, potentially starting on Monday.

## 2. 2024 Rate Discussion

- **Prepayment:**
  - Members are hesitant about mandatory prepayment.
  - Proposed optional prepayment with incentives.
  - Discounts for full-year prepayment.
- **Rate Increase:**
  - Proposed increase of \$1 per nine holes.
  - Potential impact on member retention.
- **Membership Specials:**
  - Discussion of year-end membership special.
  - Potential event to promote the special.
- **Volunteer Recognition:**
  - Planning for a volunteer recognition event.
  - Discussion of volunteer team and needs.
- **Senior Discounts:**
  - Exploring senior discounts for leagues.
  - Potential senior outing or membership options.

### Next Steps:

- Finalize prepayment incentive details.
- Develop a marketing plan for the rate increase and membership special.
- Confirm volunteer recognition event date and logistics.
- Consider senior discount options.
- Discuss potential changes to volunteer program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Patrick McVerry, KMGGA Secretary