

**Park Commission Meeting  
June 23, 2009(amended)**

**Present:** Bob Christiansen, Mike Interbartolo, Joan Bell, Cindy Brickley, Mike Farrell, Phil Friel, Bill Gardiner, Mike Ford

**I SIGNING OF WARRANTS**

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

**IV. MOUNT HOOD REPORT**

**A. Mount Hood and Memorial Park Feasibility Study**

Beals and Thomas are exploring golf related and recreational related changes that could possibly enhance the Mt Hood Memorial Park and Golf Course.

Members of Mount Hood Golf Course and golfers were invited to express their thoughts on the feasibility study that is being done by Beals and Thomas. More user groups will be invited further on in the process. Mike I. thanked those that came and said that the Park Commission would like to hear physical and operational suggestions from the golfers.

Mike I. read the document that GMC provided to Beals and Thomas at their last meeting, 6/5/09. The document was a list of changes GMC would like to see happen to the golf course. Mike I. explained that the Park Commission is required to spend \$50,000 per year in capital improvements. Some of GMC's recommendations may be able to fit within this yearly commitment. .

Mike I. explained using Beals and Thomas's maps, the areas at Mt Hood that Beals and Thomas have been looking at for changes. Primarily, Beals and Thomas have focused on a 17<sup>th</sup> hole modification, inclusive of an athletic field/track facility and changes to the practice area to make it more useful.

Ernie Massiello would like to see the tower and fire places fixed up.

Walter Sikora asked if the swamp on the left side of the 17<sup>th</sup> hole would be built up.

Joan B. said that she feels that the improvements that Ernie is talking about can be done with Capital Improvement monies.

Ernie spoke about the drainage and water system as it was years ago.

Mike Ford explained how when the new irrigation was installed on the back 9 in 1998. It was tied in to the old irrigation. They do have the ability to pump some water into 3<sup>rd</sup> pond as they are irrigating.

Joe Sullivan asked several questions about paying for any changes. The PC explained that the 2 bonds that are out are done in 2013 and 2015.

More discussion was had about the way the water drains and his concerns.

Bob Christiansen asked about the transportation issue to get to the driving range. Discussion followed as to if there is room for parking, who would be allowed to use it, etc. Possibly use left of 11<sup>th</sup> over the single lane bridge? Other ideas were discussed.

Phil F. made it clear that they are thinking of the safety of the golfers and the neighboring homeowners.

The practice area is now approximately 160 yards. A net could allow adults to hit at the practice area.

Bob Christiansen said that he was at York Maine today. He was at the synthetic par 3 course that would be ideal for kids and novice players that typically slow down the speed of play. Where the old army camp was might be a good place for it.

It was brought up that the Trimont lease is up in 2011 with an option to renew for 10 years.

Phil F. said he was surprised that the red line on the Beals and Thomas map was actually the boundary of Mt Hood. He thought it was smaller.

Bob Christiansen remembers that there was a lot of water available by the 13<sup>th</sup> hole.

The track facility would be up past the tot lot and behind the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

Mike I. said that Beals and Thomas had difficulty fitting in enough parking for a track or field event. Joan believes they originally had an area for 100 more parking spots.

Ernie would also like to see Long Pond down by the Fish and Game made into a usable area.

Ed Priestly read the following suggestions, some of which he thinks could be done with Capital Improvement money:

## Mt Hood Improvements

**Install a sign** – Mt Hood Golf Club and Recreation Area. The Inner Club is willing to help pay for the sign. Originally we offered \$500 but we are willing to give as much as half the cost once we see an estimate.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hole** – extend the cart path back from the green to the last 3 or 4 pines, the area is pretty beat up. Carts should be kept to the right side of fairway from 150 yards in. Repair the drainage between the mounds 200 yards out from the tee box. (the last two pines appear to be dying)

**5<sup>th</sup> Hole** – keep carts off of the fairway.

**6<sup>th</sup> Hole** – loam and seed the hill around the 150 marker on the left.

**11<sup>th</sup> Hole** – remove the last small tree on the left side of the mound. Loam and seed the area on the left across the road in front of the ledge.

**15<sup>th</sup> Hole** – move the Red tees back. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> handicap hole from the Blue and White tee markers but the 14<sup>th</sup> from the Red tee markers.

**16<sup>th</sup> Hole** – put in a set of stairs up to the top tee box.

**17<sup>th</sup> Hole** – move the tee box back toward the 12<sup>th</sup> tee box to make the hole longer and lengthen the course.

**18<sup>th</sup> Hole area behind the trees** – install a large net with some mats for a warm up area to hit balls.

**Area in front of Pro Shop windows** – build a retaining wall and level out the area and put some tables and chairs there, great viewing spot for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes.

Ed Priestley – Secretary Mt Hood Inner Club

Several years ago Tom Sutherland estimated that a 4x 8 sign would cost \$3000. He has done many signs in Victorian way that downtown

Walter Sikora would like to see the ponds cleaned up for more use by the kids. He also brought up that he wished kids could order food after 5:30pm even if they do not have adult supervision. He feels 5:30pm is too early to cut them off. The Park Commission said that the time is designated in the membership packet. The policy came about due to the concern of the amount of unsupervised Jr. Members sitting in the bar from 5:30 on when the leagues come in and the atmosphere that is created language etc...

**Motion:** By Bob Christiansen to adjourn

**Second:** Bill Gardiner

**Vote:** Unanimous