



Golf Course Advisory Board

March 12th, 2026, at 4:30 PM

Family Funplex-1501 65th Avenue Greeley, CO 80634

1. Call to Order:

- Pat called the meeting to order at 4:32pm

2. Roll Call:

- Pat Gilliam, Patti Brug, Kim Spencer, Eric Lind, Mike Sage Patrick McMillen and Jeff Collins are present
 - During the roll call the board went through and had everyone introduce themselves to the new member, Eric Lind
- No members were absent from this meeting
- Chris Colling (Golf Manager), Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager) and Alexa Schubin (CPR-Forestry Admin III) are present from the city
- No residents are present for this meeting

3. Approval of Minutes:

- Pat asked if there were additions or changes to the minutes and there were none. Pat then asked for a motion to approve
- Kim made motion and was seconded by Patti.
- Motion passed: 7-0

4. Approval of the agenda:

- Pat asked if there were any changes to the agenda for this meeting, none were provided and he asked for a motion to approve.
- Patti made a motion and was seconded by Kim
- Motion passed: 7-0

5. Citizen Input:

- None present

6. Old Business:

- Fee Review- cart fees per Chris
 - Chris provided information about fees to give Eric an overview. He stated that the board does not set the fees, rather they are created by golf staff and then they are brought before the board to vote. Fees for next year are due by March generally, but this year they were expected later. Cart fee increases are a possibility next year, not green fees. Chris then spoke on the interest in GPS for the golf carts in 2027. The reasoning for the GPS being driven by the want to know where they are and are not on the course. The increase of golf cart fees would pay for the GPS and the courses. They are currently looking at 9 holes increasing to \$13 per player, 18 holes to \$20 per player, \$1000 for adult annual cart passes, senior cart pass to \$900 and \$324 for a senior punch card.

- Pat asked if there will be a need to sustain the cart purchase continually rather than just the single purchase. Chris said yes, and that a subscription for carts is cheaper and they can receive maintenance on the units
- Mike asked if there are any opportunities for revenue generation for GPS advertising for Bogey's/Breezeway, etc. Chris said he would like to explore GPS advertisement rather than having a punch card with advertisement, but we would have to analyze cost vs budget.
- Chris asked to take a vote to approve or disapprove of the increase of cart fees
 - Pat motioned and Kim seconded, Pat then said the floor was open for discussion.
 - Mike says the speed of play would increase and the fees seem reasonable. Chris followed up that other municipalities are increasing their fees as well. Patti wanted to clarify that we would be waiting until next year and if can you add GPS to new carts after purchase, to which Chris said yes.
 - Kim asked if we were looking to have carts where they turn off in no go zones? Chris said yes, that would be what we would be looking to select. Chris mentioned this is helpful in situations where there is too much moisture and we can make a temporary geofence to allow for carts to be in use. Chris referenced a previous year where there were lots of down days.
 - Jeff asked if there is anything that the golf course needs to have anything physically installed for the GPS and Chris stated no. Jeff then asked if the install would be quick. Chris said yes, no physical requirements were needed, they utilize computerized maps.
 - Jeff was curious what the priorities are, Chris said that the no go zones would be huge. Carts being where they are not supposed to be is a huge problem, and GPS would let us know where they are at any given time. This does allow for pace of play to be addressed, per Chris. Jeff said he likes that possibility.
 - Chris says this doesn't eliminate the human interaction component for people, like volunteers, however.
 - Jeff says three dollars raise for GPS is a good trade off.
 - Tag, Marshall, and Yamaha are some systems being looked at per Chris.
 - Patrick was curious who we were going with: Yamaha or Tag Marshall. Chris had not selected at this time.
 - Patrick was curious about the education portion of the carts. Chris said the GPS System should be able to be

worked easily by the golfer, it will let you know if you are in a no-go zone and you could be shut down

- Pat then asked, other questions or thoughts? No other feedback was provided.
- Pat then asked if all in favor for increase in cart fees and GPS? Everyone said aye, no opposition
 - Passed: 7-0

7. New Business:

- Boomerang ball dispenser concern brought up by Patrick
 - Patrick was recently missed by 8ft or so and then 15 seconds later almost got hit again at the driving range. He stated that it is close space and the balls are high velocity. He was impressed by the construction on the shed as it is holding up despite being hit by balls. He is concerned that there is going to be someone that gets injured, it is less of an issue now with the range being moved.
 - Jeff mentioned trees being installed in the area. Chris said yes, where the split row fence is there will be an evergreen line instead.
 - No current completion date on the work being done at Boomerang per Chris
 - Pat asked if we must go back to the pads, can we cone off some of that area and would it be something to talk to John and Marc about. Chris said it has been discussed, yes. Chris said we can also close half the range off.
 - Mike: tee box on 12 is susceptible to the possibility of being hit with balls. Chris said no one has been hit yet.
 - Mike mentioned using Share the Shade for getting more trees on the course through Forestry and had asked Alexa for information. Chris said program is for the residents but that they are working with Forestry for tree work and planting.
 - Patrick asked about a practice sand trap at Boomerang to which Chris said John had plans to knock down mounds and put in something over there. It wouldn't be until 2028 as we are full up on projects currently.
 - Pat said John had mentioned a practice area with the update to the ditch.
 - Patrick asked if there was one before and Pat said yes there was a sand trap to hit out of, and it stopped being used as it was not very useful.
 - Jeff asked when the pads aren't being used at Boomerang if there could be a separator that give the ability for people to have more bodies out on the range
 - Chris said that is a good point, but you must move it every day or the turf will die and we must have staff to move them which may not be feasible
 - Jeff was curious if this would be feasible as it would possibly only take an hour to half hour every day. Chris said it isn't something that would be considered a necessity, but it could be discussed with Marc and John.

8. Good of the Order:

- Jeff was curious, with the weather patterns, if people at the courses are putting in more time at the course than they are used to and what that looks like for staff. He was also curious if the staff working on the course were predominantly salary or hourly. Per Chris: Marc, Superintendents and Chris are salary while everyone else is hourly, but if they are "full time" with benefits they are required to do 40 hours for benefits. Maintenance staff are full time and everyone else can only work 30 hours part time.
- Patrick made mention that there were 7 days in the 80s this March

- Mike said that everyone has had a very good attitude considering how much they are working. Everyone is in a good mood.
- Patrick asked if Alexa will be staying on the board as a liaison or if there are any updates with that. Alexa stated that she would continue as the liaison.
- Patti asked about the three-day rotation and how that is going? Chris said good, but tee boxes (bigger ones) are getting beat up because people are taking the same path consistently. Boomerang South Side irrigation was turned on the second week of February, and the North should be this week. Chris said we can't water at night, but we are working on watering during the day.
 - i. Patrick asked if that ended on Sunday. Chris said yes, done on 15th. Back to 7 days a week

9. Staff Reports- Provided by Chris:

- Through the 11th of March: 4368 rounds played at Highland Hills; Boomerang saw 4789 rounds and the short course had 80. Chris said 400 round differences from last year align with the lack of snow. The courses have only been closed for 10 days.
- Budgets were emailed to the board, which gives a picture of expected revenue.
- Finalized No Show Policy, that will be effective April 1st. Anytime we have a noted no show they get an email, which is strongly worded. They are given options on how to remedy that. We reserve the full 18-hole green fee charge if there is a no show. Will require card to book. They will be tracking the no shows to see who needs to have conversations.
 - i. Patrick asked if we enter the data each time or does it stay on file?
 1. Chris said it can keep it on file, and you can go into the app and say you are running late, you can tell it to charge for a round of golf. Patti asked about taking credit card information but not charging
 - a. Chris said we are not charging yet but working with our legal team on the way to say we reserve the right to charge. Patti then followed up by asking who gets charged. Chris provided it would be whoever is named on the booking. Chris made the example of if you book for 4 and only 3 show up the card attached to the booking will get charged.
 2. Highland Hills Projects are all finished
 3. Regarding 2028 fees, Chris would like to put a committee together for a fee study. This would be for surrounding areas course fees to be presented at the 2028 meeting in January. This kind of study helped us get to the fee increases from 2024.
 - a. Pat said that we looked at the fee structure and there were so many fees and we needed to make it more comprehensive for a fee structure and expanded. They looked at 6 surrounding courses and their fees and what that looked like for them.
 - b. Chris thinks in the Fall, that we would want to put together a committee, due to the harsh non winter we will need to investigate how to be prepared for something like that in the future.
 - c. Pat said that in January 2027 we would need to have Green Fees looked at and presented at that meeting.

4. Chris stated the goal is to have 3-year fees increases, so they are sustainable, and we are still the most affordable. Chris says we are here for the citizens and with the possibility of a lot of loss with next year's budget we would like to keep being reasonable for our residents.
 5. Jeff supplemented that he hears from people who don't golf here or are not from here that it is very good value. Chris agreed and added that even for people that don't buy memberships, golfing is still a good value. Mike added that when people golf with him from out-of-town people are blown away by the maintenance on the courses.
 - a. Pat said we will want to add a fee committee to next month's agenda and if we do this again we need to come back with an item on the agenda to set the charge we want for this committee. We had 3 people last time (with a lot it gets to be unruly) 2 is not enough. Think about how many people, what to charge and set dates for what we are wanting to see and when. You will see discussion and ideas that had to be brought to the committee. Previously we didn't have a charge and without parameters it is hard to be successful.
 - i. Chris said we could do the final conversation at the March meeting of next year if we need to move things around, revisit it in January.
 - b. With the fee committee Pat asked if 5% every three years was no longer in practice. Chris responded that Wayne did do that, with the study done by Pat and others it was higher than that for other courses. If it was 5%, we would love to shoot for that, 10% is too high and whatever happens in the next year can be difficult to predict. Chris made the point that they must have the revenue to cover the expenditure of operations.
- Boomerang's pump station construction is under way, and completion should be late Spring- Summer time frame. We are seeing 3 temporary greens and shortened tee on 4 due to lots of heavy machinery. There will be a new concrete pad, Monday we will open the front 9. Chris said that with these endeavors we need the support of the board. There will be a lot of people upset with what is going on but we need you to support the courses improvements out there, the results will be worth the pain.
 - Boomerang irrigation install is on schedule. Temporary closures through this week for Boomerang. Work will be done Monday-Friday with all 18 open on weekends.
 - Stormwater project is almost wrapped up; all silt and debris does not end up in the parking lot anymore.
 - Boomerang Front 9, maintenance took all sand out of bunkers and replaced all the sand.
 - There have been 150 pine trees trimmed/raised at the courses
 - Highland Hills will be aerifying on March 27th & 28th and Boomerang 13th & 14th of April
 - At Highland Hills the 16 white tee renovation is happening now, # 1 and #3 white tees as well. The right-hand side of 4 is currently torn up. A large Cottowood tree was taken out in January. Once that tree was gone the pine tree came out as it was leaning and a safety hazard.
 - Patrick mentioned that the sand on back 9 on Boomerang is amazing and Chris said he will be pleased with the front as well.

- Mike asked about the irrigation schedule and Chris said the goal is summer. Chris stated that irrigation and pond restoration are being done by the same company so their equipment should already be onsite. While the pond was good to be worked on in February there were issues due to permits and access problems, thus we had to push it back.
- Jeff asked about the restrooms and Chris said when the restrooms open when the pipes wont freeze, there is no real date and is up to the superintendent.

10. Business for Upcoming Meetings:

- Next meeting date: May 14th, 2026, at Family Funplex at 4:30 pm
- Committee mentioned by Chris for fees research in 2028

11. Adjournment:

- Pat asked for a motion to adjourn
- Patrick made a motion to adjourn
- Jeff seconded the motion
- Motion passed: 7-0
- Meeting ended at 5:35pm



Pat Gilliam- Chair



Chris Colling – Golf Manager