

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Golf Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Village Hall. The following members were present:

Dale Thomas, Chairman
Joe Keefe
Jim Hirsch
Mitch Melamed
John Nesbitt
Ron Schmidt
Scott Shore

2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MINUTES

The March Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella reviewed the February monthly report.
- The end of the fiscal year reflects the best financial performance over the last 7 years.
- The capital reserve fund has increased significantly from last year and the money is earmarked for budgeted capital work, operating expenses and the fee for the architect of the new clubhouse.
- Stella reported that Dave Clark addressed the issue of fees and interest on investments that were raised at the last meeting. The funds are invested at low risk to avoid losing revenue and he wouldn't recommend any other strategies at this point. Fees for banking are unavoidable these days and are charged for all transactions.
- Permanent tee time revenue is in the process of being collected and we expect to exceed the budget.
- Stella addressed the harsh winter and the affect it will have on the golf course. Although the course is not visually pleasing it is still playable. We are a month behind in the growing process and don't expect to have ideal conditions until mid-May.
- We do have some severe damage on three greens that will have to be over seeded and aerated. These areas will not grow in until the end of May.
- A question was asked if we will harm the course by opening in March. Stella responded that there is no long term harm that will come to the course by opening early. We will not permit riding carts which would create a lot of damage to the turf.

- The committee discussed the recent loss of Arnold Levy and the impact his absence will have on the Clubhouse Task Force.
- It was also discussed that a fitting memorial be placed at the golf course to honor Arnold for all of his work and dedication over the years to the success of the Club.
- A motion was made by Dale Thomas that funds in the Friends account be used to create a memorial for Arnold the motion was seconded by Mitch Melamed; the committee then agreed unanimously and the motion passed.

5. CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Stella reported that the Garden has a long term plan that is going to start in the fall to extend the road leading to the Science Center all the way along the perimeter of the 16th and 17th holes to accommodate new nursery and greenhouse building. There will also be parking for 60 cars along our border.
- Stella also reported that Dave Mau has been helping with communications with Don Matthews from Gewalt Hamilton who is the engineer on the Garden project. All of our concerns with the project have been relayed to Don as they relate the site, the lack of screening and the risk of errant golf shots.
- Stella informed the committee that the plans show all drainage heading west so we do not have to worry about additional rainwater runoff.
- It was suggested that we approach the Garden about providing additional screening so the golf course is not affected by their project. The fact that errant golf balls are a concern was also discussed.
- A concern was discussed that the elevation changes in the Garden due to the project may be an issue and should be reviewed by the Village.

6. CLUBHOUSE TASK FORCE UPDATE

- It was recommended that we continue to be transparent in all of our work on the new clubhouse. We should begin efforts to get community support by making the residents aware of the project and the needs of the golf course.
- The positive financial impact of the golf course on the community has to be emphasized.
- The Club should improve public relations to show the positive impact the Club has on the entire community not just golfers. Money should be spent for help on public relations to help us get the word out.
- Dale mentioned the proposed croquet courts and that including them in the project would be a unique use of space and may gain some additional funds from private donors.
- Dale informed the committee that the Village has engaged a professional public relations company and we may ask them for help.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.