

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Golf Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Glencoe Village Hall. The following members were present:

Dale Thomas, Chairman
Jim Hirsch
Joe Keefe
Scott Shore

Committee members Mitch Melamed and Ron Schmidt were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella reviewed the September monthly report.
- September was a very challenging month due to excessive rainfall and a power outage.
- A fence was constructed adjacent to the driving range to prevent golfers from entering the range from the 1st hole.
- The project to add drainage and grade in front of the 13th tee is underway. This project will be a great improvement as the area in front of the tee always holds water and the surface is uneven.
- The 8th annual Glencoe Open took place for the first time in September. The event was well received and the date will remain in September from this point forward.
- Many high school tournaments were held at Club. It was suggested that the juniors be reminded of golf course etiquette as there were many ball marks on the greens after their tournament.
- As the Club is susceptible to power outages it was recommended that a backup generator be considered when designing the new clubhouse.

5. CLUBHOUSE TASK FORCE UPDATE

- Stella informed the committee that staff is working on a report for the County outlining all of our past capital improvement projects. There is also a narrative in the report that explains the importance of the ongoing improvement projects.
- It was recommended that we quantify the value of the work. Since the majority of the work is done in house, the dollars spent have more value than having to contract out all of the work.
- Stella responded that Dave Arden is solely responsible for completing all of the work on the course. Dave's skill set is remarkable and his drive and work ethic is above and beyond any typical superintendents.

- It was recommended that we provide pictures with the capital improvement report to the County.
- Dale informed the committee that the ongoing work with the County is a slow process and everything is being done on our end to help speed up the process.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- It was suggested that the grading of the Botanic Garden construction project be reviewed as it looks like their grade slants towards the golf course.
- Joe Keefe asked if there was any room on the golf course to start a tree nursery. Stella responded that a tree nursery was a great idea and she would follow up with Dave Arden to designate some land for that purpose.
- It was discussed whether changing the starting time for the permanent tee time program every 4-6 weeks was a good idea. The committee responded that most people would not be happy with changing their times, they enjoy having a set date and time on their calendars.
- It was suggested that something be put on the website promoting the fact that we will pair up twosomes to participate in the permanent tee time program.
- A question was asked if the committee could bring their ideas for improvement projects to the next meeting. Stella responded that she would add an agenda item to the November meeting to discuss committee member's ideas for course improvements.
- A donation bench promotion was discussed. It may be a good way to raise funds for the golf course.
- A question was asked if it was premature to include the cost of the clubhouse in an article that was written by the local paper. Stella responded that it was not premature as we want the public to get comfortable with the number and we have no control over what is printed in the media.
- Dale added that because the cost would be split between the Village and the Club it is a good selling point for the community. Also, it is important to note the fact that the estimated expenditure is not only for a new clubhouse; the estimated expense includes removing three buildings and rebuilding two buildings.
- Dale informed the committee that local community groups have shown support for the new clubhouse as it would create a new gathering place in town for monthly meetings.
- Joe believes that promoting the Green aspect of a new clubhouse in comparison to the current building's lack of energy efficiency would be a good promotional tool.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.