

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Golf Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at Village Hall. The following members were present:

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

Dave Arden, Head Superintendent, Matt Radde, Head Golf Professional and Caesar Noriega, Assistant Golf Professional were also in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MINUTES

The minutes from November were corrected as follows; “amount of improvements” was amended to “cost of improvements.” The November Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes were then approved as amended.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella presented the November 2014 Summary report to the committee. November had below average temperatures which resulted in an earlier course closure than the past several years.
- The Chili Open had a fantastic turnout that helped us to achieve the November budget. Staff had to turn away players because lack of space in the clubhouse for lunch following play. This is yet another reason for badly needed new clubhouse facilities.
- Rounds are down compared to last year due to the weather.
- Hel’s Kitchen’s contract was renewed for an additional two years. Hel’s Kitchen has consistently provided reliable service, a good quality menu, and fairly priced food. Staff has received many compliments on the food operation from Hel’s and staff is confident they will continue to offer high quality goods and service.
- The indoor teaching facility is now open and instructors have been busy with lessons; especially on the weekends.
- The second phase of ash tree removal in accordance with the tree plan took place. The remainder of the affected ash trees will be addressed next season.

- The Capital Outlay line item has been moved to the front page of the financial statement to better reflect the golf operation as a whole.

5. FY2016 IMPROVEMENT, UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE PLAN PRESENTED BY DAVE ARDEN

- Dave Arden and Stella presented the FY2016 Plan to the committee.
- Scott Shore asked Dave to look into leveling and enlarging the forward tee box on #17. Scott mentioned the box is fairly small for the amount of play it receives. Dave responded that he will address the issue next season.
- Dave presented a plan for creating a Pollinator Zone in front of the clubhouse designed to attract and help sustain pollinating insects.
- Dale asked if there was a plan for relocating the proposed Pollinator Zone in the event of a new clubhouse being constructed. Stella answered that the plants in the Pollinator Zone can be easily transplanted in the event the Pollinator Zone needs to be moved. Dave added that the plants will be mostly perennials which are easy to replant.
- Joe asked if Dave has coordinated with the Park District for any of the new plants in the Pollinator Zone. Dave responded that he is working with the Park District for the majority of the new pollinator plants.
- Joe asked if management has ever considered adding a honey bee program. Dave responded that there are a handful of area courses that have added honey bee programs but wasn't sure if we would have the space for such a program.
- Dave presented a plan to extend and improve the 10th tee. The plan would add an additional 15 yards to the hole and upgrade the decorative stone to match the style that has been incorporated throughout the course.
- Dave explained that bunker restoration and drainage work will continue in an effort to keep the course playable after rain events.
- Dave presented a plan to improve the paths on the 8th and 9th holes. The existing asphalt will be removed and a new path will be created leading from the 8th green to the 9th tee.
- Dave reviewed the annual tree program that includes the following: removing the remaining ash trees, tree maintenance, stump/log removal, tree replacement and the clearing out of the ditch on the west side of the golf course.
- New pond aerators will continue to be phased in instead of repairing our current aerators which are almost 25 years old. Dave added the new aerators are much more durable and energy efficient than our outdated models.
- Joe offered to remove the abandoned incinerator behind the circle drive to improve the appearance of the area. Dave replied that Joe's help would be welcomed and our maintenance staff could dispose of the incinerator after it was demolished.
- Joe asked whether staff was still planning on adding a fence behind the 17th green to prevent vehicles from entering the course. Stella replied that a split rail fence will be added in sections along Longmeadow to hopefully deter vehicles and pedestrians from entering the course.

- Dale asked Dave about the possibility of adding plantings on the #17 tee bank to block the new buildings being constructed by the Botanic Garden. Dave answered that he will look at the project plans and talk to the Botanic Gardens about some sort of cooperative screening.

6. CLUBHOUSE TASK FORCE UPDATE

- Stella is working with Village staff on a proposal for the County. A meeting is planned for Wednesday with Phil Kiraly and Dave Clark to formulate a plan to offer the County.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- Mitch suggested that staff research the possibility of setting up a gift shop in downtown Glencoe for the holidays next season. This would increase visibility for the golf course during the winter time. Stella responded that she will look into the availability of free, unused retail space in the downtown Glencoe area.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.