

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Joe Keefe
Jim Hirsch
Mitch Melamed
Ron Schmidt
Scott Shore

Committee member John Nesbitt was absent.

Larry Levin, Village Board member and Chairman of the Clubhouse Task Force was also in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for July were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella Nanos presented the August monthly report and financial statement.
- Stella explained to the committee that we currently have \$9,538 in outstanding rain checks. All rain checks expire at the end of the season and any unused rain checks will be recognized in December.
- The water main break on the 14th hole was discussed. Stella informed the group that this break occurred due to the drought and poor installation.
- Scott Shore suggested that we try to get reimbursed from the company that installed the pipe. Mitch informed the group that it would not be possible for retribution because the pipe was installed so long ago and there is a 10 year window.
- The success of the senior membership card program was discussed. Over 850 cards were sold this season, breaking last year's record.
- The disrepair of the clubhouse was discussed. Stella informed the group that the roof on the back porch of the pro shop needs repairs. The sewer leading out of the clubhouse is also in need of replacement.
- Stella reviewed the Food and Beverage RFP and informed the group that there has been very little interest. Most people are not interested due to the current condition of the clubhouse and kitchen.
- Stella was asked to get updated pricing on installing a protective net adjacent to the driving range.

- Joe Keefe informed the group that John Nesbitt has accepted the role of liaison between the Golf Advisory Board and the Clubhouse Task Force.
- It was suggested that the Task Force Committee work with Bruce Cowans on numbers as we will not experience the current bond climate again.
- It was recommended that the course hole handicaps be reviewed. Stella informed the group that Doug Geis, who is a permanent tee time member, has extensive records on rounds played by his group and would be an asset to the discussion. It was suggested that Doug be invited to the next meeting as well as Hilary Lee.
- Larry Levin made a presentation to the group on the work of the Clubhouse Task Force.
- Larry Levin emphasized to the group the need for good communication between the Village, the County and the Chicago Botanic Gardens.
- Larry Levin informed the group that he met with Larry Sufferdin. He informed the group that it was a positive meeting and Mr. Sufferdin was happy with the materials that were presented as well as the open lines of communication.
- A question was raised as to the relationship status between Mr. Sufferdin and the current Cook County Board. Larry Levin replied that he is unsure of the current status of their relationship.
- Larry Levin stated that it is our goal to stay neutral in the political arena.
- To this point the Chicago Botanic Garden has been very helpful and cooperative with the project.
- Joe Keefe informed Larry that he is in favor of Concept C as it allows for future expansion of the course as well as more room around the clubhouse.
- Joe Keefe asked Stella to look for comparable properties to show the group an example of a 22,000 square foot clubhouse. Stella informed the group that she would inquire with Rick Christensen and forward any examples.
- A question was asked as to when Larry thought a decision would be made by the Task Force on the location of the clubhouse. Larry thought that a decision might be made at the October 3rd meeting.
- Larry informed the group that the goal for financing is to use the positive cash flow from the golf course to pay off the debt service and not go to referendum.
- Netting for the driving range was discussed. It was determined that netting would increase revenues and would be a necessity to help pay off any debt service.
- The idea of naming rights and donations was discussed. Larry informed the group that as we get farther along in the project both scenarios would be explored.
- It was pointed out that the Village Board was very helpful when Writers Theater needed funds.
- It was stated that the Golf Advisory Board wants to push this project through as quickly as possible. A question was raised as to how long it would take to get the clubhouse built.

- To date, the review has been comprehensive, informative and extremely valuable in providing the foundation for the work of the Task Force going forward and the Task Force will move forward as quickly as the process allows.
- It was pointed out that we need the new clubhouse to get back business that we are losing to our local competition. If we the new clubhouse is not built with the ability to service larger groups we will never be in line with our competition.
- Larry informed the group that he is running for Village President and if he is elected he may not continue to be the chairman of the Task Force.
- Larry stated that it is critical to keep the relationships that are currently established with the County and the Chicago Botanic Garden intact.
- A question was raised if there is any guarantee that the County will not take back the new building or the property. Larry responded that he was working the get a 100 year plan with the County to leave the land as is but the law will not allow the County to make such a commitment.
- It was suggested that we move quickly to make decisions regarding the new clubhouse and not wait for the next administration. Losing Joe Keefe and Scott Feldman who are both in favor of the project could be detrimental.
- The group was reminded to bring all questions regarding the Task Force to Larry or John Nesbitt.
- Larry informed the group that the goal is to make the best golf course and clubhouse and he doesn't see how the process could have happened any quicker. All of the studies that were undertaken were important and necessary to the project.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.