

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Arnold Levy  
Joe Keefe  
Rand Diamond  
Paul Grant  
Hilary Lee  
Mitch Melamed  
Ellen Van Wart

Committee member John Nesbitt was absent.

Dave Arden, head superintendent, Matt Radde, Head Professional, Will Jones, Assistant Village Manager and Larry Levin, Village Board member, were also in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The January 2011 Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes were approved as written.

3. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- The club paid an IMRF catch-up fee of \$15,000 which was a non-budgeted item. This had a negative affect on expenses for February.
- Estimated NOI for FY2011 is around \$320,000. This includes the management fee paid to the village.
- 2011 Senior Membership cards and Junior Membership cards are printed and ready for sale.
- The club signed a 2-year lease with Max's on the Green. The agreement is for \$22,000 a year plus sales breakpoints to allow the club additional revenue based on gross income. There is also a rent increase planned for 2012 based on the CPI.
- Green to Tee is currently 100% up to date with both their rent and catch-up payments.
- Arnold Levy commended the staff on the dramatic improvement of the net cash flow in comparison to years past.

4. 2011 CAPITAL PLAN REVIEW-PRESENTED BY DAVE ARDEN

- The driving range expansion project will remove the existing fairway bunkers and replace them with an additional 5-6 hitting stations. This project will begin in the early spring.
- Joe Keefe will revisit the Westley Road netting issue with the Village Board and report back to the Golf Advisory Board on any developments.
- Mitch Melamed raised concern with the safety of the new hitting bays on the driving range. Dave Arden explained that netting will be put up to protect the new hitting areas from errant tee shots off the first tee.

- Construction of the new putting green and chipping area will begin as soon as weather permits. The new putting green will have the following features; less undulation, will utilize the latest variety of Penn A-4 grass, and will span about 4,500 square feet.
- The existing putting green will be converted to a chipping green once the 10-12 week grow-in process is completed on the new putting green. This project should be completed sometime in July, weather permitting.
- Mitch also raised concerns about golfers hitting long pitch shots onto the chipping green which could potentially hit other golfers. Stella explained this area will have to be monitored just like the existing chipping area. Pitch shots will not be permitted on the new chipping green.
- The bunker renovation program is ongoing. To date, Dave has completed 32 bunkers with 19 remaining. Dave is reusing the contaminated sand that is removed from the bunkers for topdressing. All bunkers should be renovated by the end of the season.
- The pump house controls system is failing and must be replaced. The existing system is obsolete and was problematic last season. This will increase efficiency and increase the life of the existing pumps and motors.
- The inevitable replacement of the pumps and motors is projected to be within the next 5 to 7 years.
- A core breaker has been purchased. This machine will allow chopping of cores following aeration and is especially helpful during wetter conditions. The core breaker will decrease the amount of time needed to clean up fairways for daily play following aeration.
- A finish mower will also be purchased which offers the latest in cutting technology. This mower offers a zero-turn radius, is extremely lightweight, and will allow mowing of banks during wet turf conditions. Floating mower decks also allow the blades to follow the contours of the surface better for smoother, more even cuts.
- Joe Keefe asked if the club has had any problems resulting from the addition of the fence on #17. Dave replied that the Botanic Gardens have installed a gate to allow access to the grates that require frequent maintenance.
- Stella expressed some concerns that the Botanic Gardens might possibly be removing boards to increase the level of its pond around the new bird sanctuary. This could have a negative affect on the course's drainage and the level of the new retention pond.
- Joe Keefe charged Stella with investigating the actions of the Botanic Garden and reporting back to the Village Board if she runs into any issues.
- Arnold thought the landscaping planted by the Botanic Garden down #16 was adequate but thinks the area behind the tee box should be addressed. Arnold requested that the staff place some more plantings to hide the view of the back of the new building.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

### FRIENDS OF THE GLENCOE GOLF CLUB REVIEW

- Rand reviewed the past year of operations for the Friends of the Glencoe Golf Club. Rand asked for input from the committee members regarding what direction the Friends should head in the future.

- Hilary commented that there are no specific fundraising goals for Friends. She would suggest putting the Friends on hold until there is a more solid plan in place for the new clubhouse. She also believes there could be a “giving wishbook” in place even without Friends.
- Ellen feels that people would have more of a sense of involvement if there were more incentives for joining the Friends. Ellen thinks the Friends didn’t do a good enough job conveying the advantages of memberships.
- Rand informed the committee that he and Rhonda do not plan on chairing the Friends for the upcoming season. Rand asked for ideas on a new chairperson and commented that the position involves a lot of work and commitment and needs a dedicated person to act as chairperson.
- Arnold thanked the Diamonds for their tremendous contribution to the Friends.
- The Friends topic will be tabled until the next GAC meeting.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Ellen Van Wart proposed the following motion; that the Glencoe Golf Club Advisory Committee recommends that a performance bonus be given to General Manager Stella Nanos and Superintendent Dave Arden and that the bonus be tied to the financial performance of the Glencoe Golf Club and that said bonus begin with the fiscal year ending February 28, 2011. The motion was seconded by Rand Diamond.
- Joe Keefe explained the Village Manager makes the decisions regarding financial compensation and thus the recommendation should be directed to Paul Harlow.
- An amendment “that the advisory committee recommends to the Village Manager” on the original motion was proposed. The maker of the motion accepted the amendment.
- The motion was sent to a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.
- Larry Levin addressed concerns regarding the newly formed Clubhouse Task Force committee. The committee has many areas to address including clubhouse site, building alternatives, remodel vs. new construction, site analysis, cost feasibility studies, and many other items.
- Larry invited all committee members to share thoughts, comments, or questions with him over the length of the process.
- Larry explained that members of the task force were chosen very carefully. Each member offers a specific area of expertise although many members will need some direction in other areas.
- The time frame for the committee will be “years” and not “months.”
- Arnold expressed the need for the task force and the Advisory Board to have good communication throughout this process.

#### 7. NEXT MEETING OF THE GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- The next meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee was scheduled for Monday March 21, 2011 at the Village Hall.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.