

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Golf Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Village Hall. The following members were present:

Dale Thomas, Chairman
Jim Hirsch
John Nesbitt

Committee members Joe Keefe, Mitch Melamed, Ron Schmidt and Scott Shore were absent. Linda Sharp, a Glencoe resident, was also in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MINUTES

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

- Linda Sharp addressed the committee and informed them that she is willing to assist with fundraising and public relations as it relates to the new clubhouse.
- Linda formerly worked in professional fundraising and has experience in dealing with the issues we may face going forward.
- The fact that the clubhouse can be beneficial to the entire community was discussed. The restaurant would be a great addition to Glencoe and a good venue for holding parties or meetings.
- The golf course also offers an important open space to the community.
- Offering the golf course as a year round facility and perhaps promoting cross country skiing in the winter would be a good idea.
- Fundraising ideas and perhaps naming rights to bring in additional funds was discussed.
- It is imperative to maintain the history of the Club and have the building not be over whelming.
- The vision of the Golf Club should be brought to the community before we go to an architect. Perhaps some specific talking points should be shared in the near future.
- Expanding the use of the Golf Club to croquet players would add another use to the facility.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella reviewed the March monthly report.
- An email blast was sent late in the month that produced the play that occurred the last four days of the month and allowed us to exceed our budget.

- The golf course did suffer some winter kill due to the melting and then freezing of snow on the turf. Three greens on the course are in bad shape and the chipping green also had a lot of damage.
- In comparison to other local courses, including the private clubs, we are in good shape. Some of the other clubs will not open until late May or early June.
- The bad areas on the greens have been seeded and top-dressed but will still be open for play. Private clubs have the ability to stay closed as they do not depend on the day to day revenue as they have member fees coming in regardless of play.
- A question was asked if we will be ready for the IPGA event on May 19th. Stella responded that the greens are rolling fine they are just not pretty. As long as the weather cooperates we should be in decent shape for the tournament.
- The growing conditions are a month behind and Dave is doing everything possible to help the process.
- The golf course has become a designated way station for monarch butterflies. By planting appropriate plants that provide nectar and milkweed for nesting we will aid the plight of the butterflies.
- We did exceed budget despite the weather due to the play on the last four days of the month.
- A question was asked if the treatment for the Ash borer last season has done any good. Stella replied that she would follow up with Dave but it may be too early in the season to determine if the treatment was successful.

5. CLUBHOUSE TASK FORCE UPDATE

- Stella informed the committee that work continues with W.B. Olson to try to determine more definitive numbers and get a better of idea of the true cost of the new clubhouse.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A question was asked as to what the plan was for removing the starter shack. Stella replied that it was placed on Craig's list and no one is interested in taking it so with the Village's help it will be destroyed and removed from the property.
- The committee was informed that a clock was being considered as a memorial for Arnold Levy. The committee was shown some examples and everyone agreed that it is a good idea.
- The path that was created leading from the putting green to the first tee is great. It was suggested that an additional path be constructed leading from the front of the tee to the putting green.
- It was suggested that the golf shop carry full zippered jackets.
- Dale announced that John Nesbitt has served two terms on the committee and this would be his last official meeting. We will thank him for his service on the committee at our meeting in May with golf and dinner.
- Dale informed the committee that Mitch Melamed would be moving from the Golf Advisory Committee to the Clubhouse Task Force.

- It was discussed that it is important for the Golf Club to have open communications with the Botanic Garden. Many of their members are also our golfers so there is a dual interest in maintain a good relationship.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.