

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
December 17, 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
John Nesbitt
Ron Schmidt
Scott Shore

Committee member Mitch Melamed was absent.

Dave Arden, golf course superintendent was also in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for November were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Stella Nanos presented the November monthly report and financial statement. She informed the committee that we were currently 2,739 rounds over budget and 2,473 rounds over last season.
- The moderate temperatures in November were discussed along with the fact that we had over 100 golfers on Thanksgiving.
- Joe Keefe requested that Stella inform the Village Board that the Golf Club has had the best rounds historically compared to the industry.
- The success of the Chili Open/Hard course day was discussed.
- Dave Arden was asked what his crew consists of in the winter. Dave replied that over the winter there are only three staff members on hand: Dave, the assistant superintendent and a mechanic.
- Stella informed the committee that the range is now closed for the season.
- Stella informed the committee that she is projecting over \$350,000 that will be available at the end of the year for the capital reserve fund. This number includes paying the \$40,000 management fee.
- Stella reported that the three year lease extension option for power carts was chosen. This is the least expensive option and makes the most sense in order to keep a healthy bottom line as we move forward with the clubhouse project. This option does include battery replacement which is the most expensive item on electric carts. We also will have the option to roll out into a new fleet prior to the end of the lease.

- Stella reported that the Club was open 37 more days than last season and the power cart revenues reached an all-time high of \$259,000.
- A question was asked regarding GPS for the power carts. Stella informed the committee that GPS is very expensive but perhaps we should look into pricing a system when our cart extension agreement ends in 2015.
- John Nesbitt commented that the majority of people he plays with utilize GPS from their smart phones.
- Dave Arden was asked why we don't have green covers or temporary greens. Dave replied that green covers are very costly to purchase and that you also need a crew to manage the cover placement throughout the winter. Temporary greens are not used as it would affect the amount of play we have in the shoulder season.
- Stella informed the committee that the clubhouse will be serving draft beer next season.
- An update on the clubhouse task force was requested by Joe Keefe. Stella informed the committee that the next step will be to create an RFQ for a clubhouse architect, followed by an RFP. She expects this work to be completed over the winter.
- Dave Arden was asked if he preferred the rakes in or out of the bunkers. Dave replied that he prefers all of the rakes to remain in the bunkers. The bunkers are set in the morning with all of the rakes in them and by the afternoon they are scattered around the bunker.
- A suggestion was made by John Nesbitt that a sign be placed on the first hole making golfers aware of the course's policy to keep the rakes in the bunkers.
- A question was asked if staff could do anything about carts driving too close to the greens. Dave replied that he did not want to put signage up everywhere as it takes away from the aesthetics of the golf course.

5. CAPITAL REVIEW 2013

- The equipment purchases for 2013 were reviewed and discussed.
- A question was asked as to how long the equipment lasts. Dave replied that the life of the equipment depends on the vehicle and how many hours it is used.
- All of the equipment is on a rotation so we don't have to purchase too many pieces in one season since they are very expensive.
- Dave also informed the committee that the majority of our equipment purchases are used equipment. We only purchase a new vehicle or mower when a used one is not available.
- The capital projects for 2013 were reviewed and discussed.
- A question was asked if we could grow a vine on the protective fence on the second hole to help camouflage the fence. Dave replied that it would be difficult to grow a vine in that location due to the lack of sunlight.
- The 3rd tee renovation was discussed. The project will entail removing the existing asphalt/concrete path, grading the area and replacing the path with a rotten granite material. This will enhance the beauty of the hole and eliminate the standing water that occurs after rainfalls.
- Dave plans on eliminating the asphalt/concrete path on the 8th hole as well utilizing the same material as the 3rd tee.

- Dave gave the committee details on the pond project. The pond will be dredged and the material will be removed in front of the intake pipe to ease the flow of water through our pump system.
- The fairway inter-seed program was discussed. The over-seeder that was purchased will be used to inter-seed existing turf with creeping bent grass which is more desirable grass due to its stress tolerance.
- It was suggested that we put a light on the Golf Club sign on Green Bay Road.
- Dave reviewed the tree work that will be completed in the winter. This work will be completed by climbers and will not disturb any bird nests or wildlife habitats.
- Joe Keefe asked if the Club would be interested in sharing the costs of a tub grinder with the Park District. Dave replied that he would look into costs and follow up with Stella.
- A suggestion was made to extend the cart path on #13. Dave acknowledged that it is very bumpy in front of that tee and he will make sure to smooth out the area next season.
- Stella explained that the capital budget was designed to spend as little as possible on the buildings, but some funds need to be spent to keep the buildings operational and presentable.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.