

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
June 18, 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.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for May were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Larry Levin presented an update on the Clubhouse Task Force.
 - The last two Task Force meetings reviewed mechanisms for financing and the Food and Beverage Feasibility Study.
 - The large banquet facility for over 300 people was eliminated from further consideration.
 - Golf courses in the area were visited to give us some insight on the space plan.
 - Work has begun on the site and space plan ideas.
 - There is no set meeting schedule for the Task Force so that the committee is not slowed down by waiting for meeting dates to present material.
 - Work has begun to make sure we have no issues with the County or the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG) with the new clubhouse.
 - The County land is basically the front nine holes on the course. Our current clubhouse is on County property.
 - The CBG was upset when the Village of Glencoe was considering building on the 17th hole. The CBG wants to ensure that their new bird sanctuary is not disturbed.
 - The County has not made any financial contributions to the course since the original agreement was signed.

- The committee raised concern that the County could take the golf course land away from the Village and that before we move forward we should establish a new agreement with the County for the use of the land.
- Joe Keefe believed that a representative from the Golf Advisory Committee should be appointed to the Clubhouse Task Force Committee. The Golf Committee plays the course and should have representation on the Task Force. There is not enough communication between the committees.
- Larry Levin informed the committee that their input is very important and that they can contact Larry at any time with questions or concerns.
- Several committee members believed that starting the clubhouse project is a bad idea until we receive a guarantee that the land will not be taken back by the County.
- The Village should receive some assurance from the County that they will not take the property away; this is a big issue moving forward.
- Larry informed the group that the Village hopes to have a long term agreement with the County for the use of the land.
- A question was raised asking why the County doesn't take over the course and run it themselves. Larry replied that this is a very delicate issue that has to be figured out, we hope to be successful and will try our best to get what we want.
- A question was raised asking if there was a chance we would build the new clubhouse without an agreement? Larry responded that we may not have a concrete agreement written the way we would like it but that would not stop us from building.
- Scott Shore our newest member of the Advisory Board was introduced to the committee.
- Stella informed the committee that the lack of rain has been an issue at the course and we can expect exceeding our budget for water this season.
- The committee asked if we have ever considered digging a well or finding a less expensive alternative to Glencoe water.
- Stella informed the committee that the golf course had not considered digging a well and that we did have the means to access Northbrook water that is less expensive.
- Joe Keefe said that he participated in the ball fitting session present by Titleist and he thought it was a great idea and encouraged additional events of this nature.
- Stella Nanos reviewed the May monthly report.
- Joe Keefe asked the advisory committee if they were uncomfortable with members of the Clubhouse Task Force having discussions and meeting without the full Task Force being present. The advisory committee responded that they were glad work was being done and the project was moving forward and as long as Stella was involved in the discussions/meetings they felt there was no issue.
- Joe felt that communications/reporting of the Clubhouse Task Force needs improvement.
- It was suggested that we drop American Express as an accepted form of payment for the golf club, as their rates are too high. The course should also look into the rates we are paying for all credit card transactions.

- It was suggested that we have a bag drop as many women have a hard time getting their clubs out of the car. Stella responded that anyone having issues with their clubs can pull up to the golf shop and the staff there would assist with their removal. Employing a dedicated bag drop staff member is cost prohibitive.
- The food service was discussed. Early closings and poor beverage cart stocking should be investigated.
- The credit card processor at the restaurant is also extremely slow.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.