

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2013

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:

Dale Thomas, Chairman
Jim Hirsch
Joe Keefe
John Nesbitt
Scott Shore

Ronald Schmidt and Mitch Melamed were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2013 MEETING MINUTES

The May 2013 Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- Pace of play was discussed along with the 'Play it Forward' program. Stella explained that pace of play is a constant battle on the course and that every effort is made to enforce our pace of play policy.
- The length of the rough was discussed. Stella informed the committee that after heavy rains it takes a long time to get back to our normal height. The mowers have to be raised and then lowered gradually to regain our normal height.
- Joe Keefe inquired about the flowers that were provided by the Park District. Stella replied that more than half of our flowers were grown by the Park and we were very happy with the service and savings that they provided the course.
- The service of the beverage cart was discussed. There is still training that needs to be done as the beverage cart is still missing groups or not being seen frequently.
- Joe Keefe requested that the formation of the sub-committee of the Clubhouse Task Force be reviewed. The formation of the committee was not done in a public meeting, it was done independently and he is not sure that it was appropriate to be formed in that fashion.
- Dale Thomas believed that this was not the forum to discuss the formation and that the question should be raised in a different forum and perhaps to the Village Board.
- Joe stated that if the formation of the sub-committee was done in a public meeting Joe would have asked how they were chosen and what the logic of the composition of committee was. Joe maybe would have

volunteered himself or would have hoped that one of the GAC members would have been included or the gesture offered. Joe would like some official determination on how the sub-committee was formed and why it was formed the way it was.

- Dale stated on the record that he would raise the issue as a stated concern with Larry (Levin). Dale said he appreciates the view that perhaps the GAC should have been included in some fashion in the decision but he didn't think a vote was appropriate with the GAC.
- Joe stated that better communication is needed to keep all parties informed.
- Scott Shore added that he is also concerned with the formation of the sub-committee.
- John Nesbitt wanted to make sure that everything is out in the open so there are no future problems.
- Jim Hirsch is not concerned about not being on the sub-committee and feels that the GAC has been well informed through the work of Stella.
- Stella responded that the majority of the work on the RFP is being done by Village staff and the members of the sub-committee were chosen because of their personal experience and the fact that their experience could be useful in the selection of an architect.
- Joe stated that from a procedural point of view that forming the sub-committee this way as a matter of efficiency is not appropriate. A meeting of the Clubhouse Task Force should have been called to address the issue.
- Stella stated that she can't answer the legal or procedural issues and they should be addressed with Larry Levin.
- The new Club brochures were handed out to the committee. They all commented that they looked great as well as the website.
- Several members of the committee felt that there should be more yardage markers on the course especially from 100 yards and in.
- Stella informed the committee that new yardage markers in the fairways will be installed in June.
- Stella asked the committee to submit a list of sprinkler heads that do not have yardage on them and she will make sure to get markers made.
- The starter shack was discussed and it was agreed that it should be removed. Stella stated that the removal is a little difficult due to size and that fact that it has electrical fixtures but that staff would move the building in the off season.
- It was suggested that a woman and younger people be added to the GAC when the current member's terms are up.
- A long term plan for the trees along the Botanic Garden property should be addressed. This plan should include the planned obsolescence of many of the willow trees.
- The lack of driving range netting was discussed. Dale suggested that the netting should be folded into the clubhouse issue.
- It was suggested that the netting be pushed forward sooner as we lose revenue annually due to the lack of netting. The extra revenue that could be generated would help offset the costs of a new clubhouse.
- Stella reviewed the May monthly report.

- It was suggested that landscape planting in front of the net could help camouflage the netting.
- The new turn around on the 3rd tee was discussed. The committee was very happy with the results and the lack of standing water.
- It was recommended that additional port a potties be added by the 15th green. Stella responded that there are no bathrooms there due to the inaccessibility of the site from the maintenance trucks when the ground is soft. She also stated that two permanent bath rooms plus the existing port a potties offer many more locations than the majority of golf courses.
- The experience of Don Parker, the new golf instructor for summer camps was discussed.
- The emerald ash borer report from Dave Arden was read to the committee. Dave has decided to treat 28 ash trees that are still healthy in an effort to keep the trees for several more years. Long term, the trees will die and will have to be replaced.
- Joe Keefe stated that there was some grant money available for the emerald ash borer and he would ask his wife, Karen, to send a link to see if we were eligible.
- All of the architects that were chosen to receive the RFP have come to the course for a tour and site visit. The next step is to schedule interviews with the firms.
- Stella informed the committee that a meeting was held with Cook County Forest Preserve representatives to discuss shared services with the Village and the new golf course clubhouse was addressed. The County representatives said they would follow up with appropriate contact information to discuss the clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.