

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 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
Mitch Melamed
Ronald Schmidt
Scott Shore

2. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING MINUTES

The September 2013 Golf Advisory Committee meeting minutes were approved as amended.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

4. MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

- A question was asked if a letter had been received from the Forest Preserve confirming the agreement. Stella responded that Larry Levin received verbal confirmation from Arnold Randall but that a written amendment to the agreement with the County would have to go in from of the County Board for approval.
- A question was asked if the location of the 17th hole is no longer an option with the Botanic Garden. Stella responded that it is not a closed issue at this point but there is no new information to report.
- Joe Keefe stated that he would hope the Village Board would consider the Golf Club an asset to the Village and that the Village would make a contribution towards the clubhouse project. The Club is an enormous asset to the Village and should be recognized as such.
- Joe also wanted to make sure that no one on the Village Board would push for a renovation of the existing facility.
- Dale Thomas responded that he believes that the current board is in favor of the clubhouse project and that the idea of renovating the facility is no longer being considered.
- Joe believes that the golf course should not be the sole authority to pay for the clubhouse. We should embrace a design that satisfies the needs of the golf course irrespective of the golf course financials; other means should be found to help pay the bonds.
- A question was asked as to when the architect's contract would be brought in front of the Village Board. Dale responded that the timing depends on the negotiating of the contract with the architect.

- It was discussed that we may have to consider that there will be new Village Board members in place by the time the clubhouse bonding has to be approved.
- Stella informed the committee that we have never received actual constructions costs for the new clubhouse. The estimates we received were based on square footage costs and the space plan that included all of the wishes of staff.
- Stella reviewed the September monthly report.
- Stella reported that the 17th green was vandalized. It was suggested that cameras be installed to prevent further damage. Stella responded that the cameras would not work at night. It was also recommended that bollards be installed to prevent further vehicular traffic on the course.
- The success of the Senior Membership program was discussed.
- Dale Thomas informed the Committee that Dave Arden will attend the next meeting to review the tree plan and the possible realignment of the driving range.
- Joe Keefe asked if there were any devices available for the visually impaired as it relates to digital yardage information. Stella responded that she did not know of any but would follow up at the next meeting.
- A question was asked if we had any carts that could be utilized by disabled golfers. Stella responded that we did not have a cart on site and there has been no inquiries made by the public as to the availability of such a cart.
- Joe Keefe recommended that Stella contact the Urban Forest Company to see if any of the trees that are being removed from the course can be milled and recycled by wood workers instead of turning them into mulch.
- The Golf Academy revenues were discussed. Stella explained that we did reach our budgeted numbers and had an increase of almost \$20,000 over last year's revenues.
- The restaurant service from Hel's Kitchen was discussed. Stella informed the committee that Hel's Kitchen will be back next year as they have a two year contract.
- A question was asked as to why we still have the Friends of the Glencoe Golf Club account on the financials. Stella responded that it would be wise to keep the account on our books in the event we do some fundraising with the new clubhouse project.
- Stella informed the committee that we have two more years on the power cart lease and that she hoped to have a new cart fleet roll out at the same time we open the new clubhouse.
- GPS programs were discussed. Stella informed the committee that the systems are still very expensive and she has heard that they are constantly breaking down. With the new technology available on smart phones most GPS systems will be a thing of the past in the coming years unless there is a course layout that deems its necessity.
- The architect that has been named as the first choice after interviews was Partners and Sirny Architects; the same group that conducted the clubhouse feasibility study.
- A question was asked if the architects were interviewed on their 'Green' concepts. Stella responded that all of the architects interviewed had Leeds Certified architects on their staff and that the design of the clubhouse will integrate all of the sustainable designs possible. If we

wanted to achieve status as a Gold or Platinum Leeds facility it would be expensive but we will consider achieving that status once we start looking at costs.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.