

## MINUTES

### Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting April 30, 2020

**In Attendance:** Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Nathan Fennessy, Linda Mattlage, Dick Holden, Roger Jobin, Jennifer Kretovic, Fran Hunt, Bob Whatmough, Phil Davis, Bernard “Sid” Chase, Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun, and City Manager Tom Aspell.

**Absent:** Bob Norton.

The meeting was called to order. Chris Mulleavey read the Covid-19 – Public Meeting Procedures Notice in compliance with Governor Sununu’s Executive Order #12.

1) **Public Input:** There was no public input.

2) **Approval of March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Roger Jobin motioned, and Jennifer Kretovic seconded, to approve the March 12, 2020 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved with voice vote.

3) **Course Update:**

- First, it was noted that Dennis, Pat and Phil have done a phenomenal job on the course!
- As mentioned at the March meeting, the course came out of winter well. Turf is healthy and the irrigation system has very few issues.
- Due to the cool weather, turf growth has not been robust. That being said, greens, tees, aprons and fairways have been mowed regularly and look great. Tees are a bit behind fairways in appearance but are coming along.
- All tees have been fertilized. Front nine tees have been aerated.
- Fairways 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 have been aerated and fertilized.
- Liquid fertilizers and protectants have been applied to greens. Next week staff plans to needle tine and fertilize with granular fertilizer. The following week, staff plans to verticut and topdress.
- The rough has not begun to grow so it has not been mowed. There are still some leaves scattered in the rough but they will go away when we start mowing.
- Bunkers need work but staff has concentrated on turf. Once the course is open, players will lift, clean and place in bunkers, as we will not be putting rakes out.
- Phil Davis described adjusted operation procedures for potential reopening. The procedures are planned to be a phased movement to normal operations.

Discussion ensued. Cups will have some modifications, such as a filler to prevent ball from dropping in. The Pro Shop is ready to go. The building is expected to be closed but we are capable of remote check in. Policing social distancing may be difficult. Phil Davis noted that golfers are used to self-policing due to the nature of the rules of golf.

Councilor Fennessy asked if staff had any concerns. Sid Chase responded, noting that staffing to accommodate the cleaning of carts will be tight.

There will be no port-a-potties on the course. Bathrooms will be open.

Brian LeBrun shared an updated revenue and expense estimate for FY 2020. Revenues will be short of budget due to closure by executive order. Expenses are being monitored closely. Revised estimates are conservative on both revenue and expense savings. Most large outings have postponed until fall, which will help FY 2021.

Staff has met with Jess regarding food and beverage operations. She, like the City, is awaiting the expected modification of the Governor's Stay at Home order.

All the described operational procedures will be adjusted regularly to meet the Governor's orders and guidelines.

- 4) **Reconsideration of Rates:** Jennifer Kretovic recused herself from this discussion because she has already paid in full.

Three plans were presented:

- No change.
- Proration based on a May 15 start. Approved rate at 88%.
- New lower fee combining several categories such as weekday, twilight and family memberships. Each and all categories will see savings over 2019 rates.

<b>Senior, Mon-Friday</b>	\$695.00
<b>Adult 7 days</b>	\$1,000.00
<b>Junior</b>	\$195.00
<b>Collegiate Rate</b>	\$595.00
<b>Young Adult</b>	\$850.00

Options 2 and 3 recognize delayed opening. Option 3 also recognizes that golfers may not have their regular resources at their disposal. It also has the potential to attract new members.

Suspension of offer of a cart membership and raising cart fee to \$25 for nine holes is proposed.

Roger Jobin moved recommendation of option 3 - suspension of offer of cart memberships and raising the cart fee to \$25 for eighteen holes, in light of the limited number of carts available and expense of sanitizing. Bob Whatmough seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the new structure appeared non-family friendly; however it was noted that it is still less expensive. The simpler structure may be more attractive for families. It was noted that refunds for those who already paid in full will be necessary. Either option 2 or 3 would achieve or exceed our revised estimate of \$160,000 for memberships. Our cart vendor has indicated that most courses are going up \$5 to \$8 per person for single cart riders to offset the added cost and impact on turf.

The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote, with one abstention.

- 5) **Adjournment:** Fran Hunt motioned and Linda Matlage seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.
- 6) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 14th, at 8:00 AM, at BMGC Clubhouse.