

## MINUTES

### Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting August 13, 2020

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

**Absent:** Dick Holden.

The meeting was called to order. Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun 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 July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Fran Hunt motioned, and Bob Norton seconded, to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved with a voice vote.

3) **Course Update:**

- The course is holding up well.
- Now using City water for irrigation.
- Will solid tine greens in August.
- There is a lack of staff and a busy outing schedule.
- Will core aerate in late September, early October.
- Pro Shop and course are extremely busy.
- Beginning to lose staff across the organization.
- So far, outings have been going well. Mayor Bouley and Chris Mulleavey have both received positive feedback from recent outings.
- Green fees, cart, range and pro shop sales are all up significantly.
- Staff to monitor tee time utilization using Teesnap’s capabilities.
- There is some concern about simulators opening this winter due to the pandemic.

4) **USGA Tree Report:** Received a price of \$92,000 to clear trees indicated in the report and clean up stumps. Initially it was thought the value of the trees would pay for the stump mitigation. Talking to the vendor, Sid found there was not enough value in the trees. The commodity market is down particularly for pulp wood. Sid has reached out to the City Forester to clarify plans for the timber adjacent to the golf course.

5) **Update, USGA Report:** Staff was able to get more aeration done this spring while closed. Fairways, 4-9, 11, 12, 16, 18 should, ideally, be done at least once per year. Tees were all done between fall 2019 and spring 2020 – some twice. Ideally should be done at least twice per year.

6) **New Business:**

- Mayor Bouley played recently and expressed some concerns. He asked to be walked through the Grounds staffing plan. Sid explained the 2020 staffing plan and the need to save money this spring amid uncertainties of the pandemic and its restrictions.
- The committee expressed concern that the need for more labor was not brought to them. Brian LeBrun said additional labor will be considered as part of the FY 2022 proposed budget.

- Increased cart fees for single riders. City Council recently passed an increased fee for single car riders. Some members of the committee expressed concern that it is too much and that there will be negative feedback. Mayor Bouley said that concerned golfers can contact him.
- Eagle Scout project at the flag pole: The project is complete. Concern that bolt at top of flag pole may rip the flag. Committee to send a thank you note to Colby Aiken.
- Porta Potties: There are none currently on the course. Sid to check on how Parks and Recreation has managed theirs.

**7) Demonstration of Golf Car Technology:**

- New cart fleet for 2021 season.
- Do not need to go out to bid.
- Sid will arrange a webinar for demonstration of electronics and will let committee members know when demo models are on site.

**8) Adjournment:** Bob Norton motioned and Linda Matlage seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.

**9) Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 10th, at 8:00 AM.