

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting December 9, 2021

In Attendance: Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Nathan Fennessy, Dick Holden, Bob Whatmough, Fran Hunt (late), Jennifer Kretovic, Pat Lanman, and Brian LeBrun.

Absent: Roger Jobin, Linda Mattlage, Bob Norton, and Phil Davis.

- 1) **Public Input:** Member of the public Charles Randall commented about the great turnout for the Tree Project meeting, which was held on Saturday, December 4th. He felt it was a very positive meeting.
- 2) **Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- 3) **Pro Shop Operations:**
 - Indoor operations have begun.
 - There are 76 simulator teams competing each week, with a total of 152 players.
 - The simulators are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM; Saturday, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM; and Sunday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
 - The fall membership drive was very successful, with 26 new Adult memberships, 29 Senior memberships, 3 College memberships, and 10 Young Adult memberships; for a total of 68 new members. The average is 25-30 new members per year, so this is very good.
 - The “Give the Gift of Golf” campaign will begin this Friday with Pro Shop sales and online gift certificate promotions.
 - Revenue is lagging slightly due to the rainy July and August, but is ahead of last year by \$32,000. However, when factoring in the funds that have to be deferred to next year, we are behind.
- 4) **Course Update:**
 - Staff has fully moved into winter operations.
 - Areas where cross country skiing is not permitted have been roped off.
 - Have received 5 bids for the Tree Project.
- 5) **Tree Project Walk Through with Citizens:**
 - There was a great turnout for the Tree Project Meeting/Walk Through that was held on Saturday, December 4th, with many members in attendance.
 - Brian LeBrun noted that the meeting was very positive and gave kudos to Facilities and Course Manager Pat Lanman for doing a great job and being so thorough when giving the walking tour.
 - The biggest concern shared among members was if the course would be ready for play in the spring. Brian indicated that everything will be cleaned up and ready for play in the spring, even if the project is not totally complete at that time.

Discussion:

- Jennifer Kretovic mentioned that the City Forester had expressed his opinion that we aren't taking enough trees down, and that we should be doing more to thin out the trees to induce growth to the forest areas.
- Jennifer also noted that there were neighbors of the course in attendance, some that were concerned that a housing development would be going in, and that she was pleased to be able to dispel that rumor.
- Nathan Fennessy shared that it was very eye opening to see the large amount of dead timber that needs to be removed from the course which will allow for new tree growth.

- 6) **Building Ad-Hoc Committee Update:** Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun noted that the BMGC Clubhouse Ad-Hoc Committee had held its meeting on December 2nd and reviewed the facility assessment that was conducted by H.L. Turner.

The report from H.L. Turner suggests that it will cost about \$900,000 to repair the parking lot and surrounding walkways, to update the bathrooms and fix the ongoing plumbing issues, and to make the facility ADA compliant. Their assessment did not consider expansion of the facility for future growth as a year-round facility.

After discussing the matter, Ad-Hoc Committee members agreed that it didn't make sense to invest that much money and have the same facility, which needs many repairs, updates and improvements. The Ad-Hoc Committee voted to recommend to Council that a new facility be built. A report making this recommendation will be submitted to Council at their December 13th meeting. The report asks Council to authorize the City Manager to appropriate funds in the FY 2023 CIP budget for design of a new facility, and to appropriate funds in FY 2024 for construction.

- 7) **Other:** Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun indicated that a new 2-year agreement has been negotiated with the restaurant. A consent report pertaining to this matter will be submitted to Council at their December 13th meeting.
- 8) **Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.