

## MINUTES

### Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting March 12, 2020

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

**Absent:** Jennifer Kretovic.

The meeting was called to order.

- 1) **Public Input:** Gill Rogers questioned the lack of a Senior Cart Membership rate, as was discussed and requested at the October meeting. It was explained that a 5-day Cart Membership rate was added, for both Seniors and non-Seniors. The rate is well below local market. The new rate is not online yet, as staff was just notified on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Phil Davis will update the Beaver Meadow website.
- 2) **Approval of February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Bob Whatmough motioned, and Nathan Fennessy seconded, to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes. Roger Jobin noted that the February 13 meeting minutes listed Bob Norton as seconding the motion to approve the January meeting minutes, although he wasn't present at the meeting. Sid Chase clarified that it was Bob Whatmough who seconded the motion and that the minutes will be corrected. The minutes were unanimously approved with this change.
- 3) **Course Update:**
  - At their March meeting, the City Council adopted the rates recommended by the Golf Course Advisory Committee.
  - The course wintered well and there is not a lot of clean-up required. There are very few branches thanks to Ryan Rambeau of the General Services Department and his work over the last few years cleaning up dead, decaying trees. Ryan's crew was also able to remove and trim some trees on the #11 tee box. Staff will continue work on #9, taking stumps already dug off site; and will tear and remove the old range shed by the gas pumps. The course will try to enlist the tree crew's help with stump grinding near the fence. Tall grasses will be cultivated to hide others. Shrubs to be added as they become available from vendors.
  - The range machine credit card reader will be activated and tested next week.
  - Irrigation to be turned on this week.
  - Pump vendor scheduled to charge the irrigation pump next week.
  - Event tent vendor has been contacted and will reinstall tent vinyl mid-April. Will have the Fire Department inspect it and get COA for the season. The first scheduled event is on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The patio tent vendor has been contacted – Parks staff to aid.
  - A meeting is scheduled for today with the City Planner regarding an upcoming stakeholder meeting. Have contacted City Forester.
  - The course will open this Saturday for walking on the front nine only. Shotgun Sunday due to frost. Hoping to open the back nine next week, and allow carts the following week. Discussion ensued about the condition of the course and making sure it is ready to

open to avoid damage to the course. Sid Chase indicated that he would not put the course at risk.

At this time, Chris Mulleavey excused himself and Dick Holden took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- Phil Davis reported that he will be very active instituting a new Handicap system. There will be one system worldwide incorporating the two current main systems. Phil will work with golfers and the Handicap Committee.
  - The simulators have been very active this winter.
- 4) **Adjournment:** Bob Norton Motioned and Fran Hunt seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.
- 5) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 9th, at 8:00 AM, at BMGC Clubhouse.