

## MINUTES

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

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

**Absent:** Bob Norton and Fran Hunt.

The meeting was called to order. Chris Mulleavey noted the passing of long-time Golf Course Advisory Committee member Jim Marshall and a moment of silence was held in his honor.

Chris Mulleavey welcomed City Councilor Nathan Fennessy, as well as Charles Randall, who is interested in serving on the committee.

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

2) **Approval of January 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Kretovic motioned, and Bob Norton seconded, to approve the January 2, 2020 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3) **Course Update:**

- Cross country skiing is not active right now, due to lack of snow. Staff has received continued positive comments on the grooming.
- Ice skating is done for the season, as the weather has not been favorable.
- General Services’ staff has done some tree removal on #11 tee – working around weather and ski traffic.
- Staff has met with the Purchasing Manager to start the Timber Harvest RFP. Will work with City Planner and Forester also.
- Sim revenue is ahead of last year due to size of league and overall produce offered.
- The 2020 golf schedule is on the Beaver Meadow website. PGA Junior League and camps to be added soon.

4) **2020 Daily Fee Recommendation to City Council:**

- Beaver Meadow’s rates are competitive within the market. Dynamic pricing has allowed us to fill additional spots on the tee sheet and given us the flexibility to be responsive to the market.
- Only a few changes are recommended: League Fee to \$25, as planned last year; Range Ball fees to \$4 for small and \$10 for large baskets; and additional shoulder season pricing for outings (with lower pricing we hope to attract groups to slower times). Also adding 5-day cart memberships.
- Discussion of rounds played – approximately 20,000 – 30% member play.

Nathan Fennessy motioned to approve the fee recommendations to City Council, Linda Mattlage seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**5) Updated CIP:**

- Since the last discussion and recommendation, staff has incorporated all USGA recommendations to the 10-year plan, except paving of #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 17, and 18. Each fiscal year has at least one item. For FY 2021, \$60,000 was changed from the Bunker Project to Tree Project and hiring an architect to guide us through the recommendations.
- Cart Fleet: The contract on the lease will expire at the end of the 2020 season. As the contract is currently written, a new fleet would be an FY 2022 expense, either operating or CIP. Will need to look at buying versus leasing, and increasing the size of the fleet to reduce the number of tournament carts needed. New technology is available with GPS for on-course amenities such as distance to hole, music, and golf tips. Technology allows for better cart maintenance management, restricting where carts go on the course. Technology is expensive but could be passed on to the user. Technology would be another way to differentiate the Beaver Meadow experience. The cost of damage to course due to improper golf cart usage was discussed. Staff should observe season's cart use and remain competitively priced. Compare pricing between different golf cart manufacturers. A suggestion was made to have only a portion of the fleet have the new technology.

Jennifer Kretovic motioned, and Roger Jobin seconded, to recommend the discussed CIP changes to the City Manager. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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

**6) YTD Budget Reports:** Brian LeBrun distributed the FY 2020 Year to Date Financial Statements.

Jennifer Kretovic motioned, and Roger Jobin seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.

**7) Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 12th, at 8:00 AM, at BMGC Clubhouse.