

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting
January 12, 2023

In Attendance: Jennifer Kretovic (Acting Chair), Ruthann Bradley, Mark Coen, Gary Darby, Nathan Fennessy, Dick Holden, Fran Hunt, Roger Jobin, Linda Matlage, Bob Norton, Bob Whatmough, Phil Davis, Pat Lanman, and Brian LeBrun.

Excused: Chris Mulleavey and Corey Schofield.

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote. Councilors Kretovic and Coen abstained from the vote as they were not in attendance at the December meeting.

2) Pro Shop Operations:

- Phil noted that the simulators are extremely busy. For the month of December, the simulator was booked for 37 more hours than the previous December; and for the month of January, they are already booked for 37 more hours than last January.
- Grips are in and they have already almost sold out of them, which equates to approximately \$8,000 in sales revenue.
- There is now heat in the Pro Shop.
- Nathan Fennessy asked Phil for an update on staffing. Phil indicated that staffing is good. He has six returning summer staff, which is basically all of his summer staff. They will be requesting to hire a seasonal golf pro to provide lessons only, to help with backlog next summer.

3) Course Update:

- Pat noted that several hazardous trees near the parking lot and along the driveway have been removed. Stumps will be removed in the spring.
- There was significant damage on the course from the Christmas Eve storm – lots of limbs and branches down. As there has been no snow cover, staff has taken advantage of being able to get out there and clean up as much debris as possible.
- Pat gave an overview of the next phase of the tree removal project and noted which trees have been identified to come down. This next phase will start once the ground freezes, so as to bring the equipment out there without causing any damage to the grounds.
- Mark Coen asked how the Legacy Tree Program was doing. Pat indicated that there is about \$1,800 in the fund which will be used to replace some of the trees that have been removed. Mark expressed his hope that this will be well publicized.

4) New Business:

- Acting Chair Kretovic indicated that the Ad-Hoc Beaver Meadow Building Committee had its first meeting on January 11th. Nathan Fennessy, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee, explained the charge of the committee and provided an update from the meeting.

The next Ad-Hoc Beaver Meadow Building Committee will be held on March 8, 2022, at 8:00 AM, at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. Going forward, the meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 8:00 AM, at locations to be determined throughout the city. The public is welcome to attend.

- Brian LeBrun gave a brief update on course financials. He noted that revenue is \$126,000 more than expenses this year. While strong, this is not quite as good as last year; however, our expenses are higher this year and we've incurred some unexpected costs that weren't budgeted for (i.e., the furnace (\$18,000), and the tree removal along the parking lot (\$6,000). In addition, supply and fuel costs are higher. Despite these increased costs, Brian indicated that the finances are in good shape.

5) 5 Minutes of Public Input: There was no public input.

6) Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.