



GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

August 29, 2016

Park District Office 735 N. 2nd Street

Members present: Dennis Berg, Barb Kannheiser, Mark Gillis, Josh Johnson and Bob Johns

Others present: Rochelle Mayor Chet Olson, Golf Course Superintendent Mitch Hamilton, and Don Elliott from the Flagg-Rochelle Park District

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting were approved.

1. Public comments: Don Elliott said that he was here to represent the Park District in the wake of the resignation of Eric Christensen.
2. Financial Report: The City received the money that had been held by GREDCO and it has been applied to our income. As of this date we are \$32,000 revenue over expenses for the golf operations for this year.
3. Course Superintendent Report: Mitch reported that we have had 8460 rounds of golf played YTD compared with 7793 in 2015 YTD. All four golf outings for August went very well with the course and the food services provided by Mr. Scanlan. September has two scheduled outings (Rochelle Fire Dept. 60-80 players and Rochelle Rotary around 60). The high school girls conference tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 27th. Mitch has scheduled the aerification of the greens for the week of October 3rd. Mitch will talk to City Manager

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Plyman about purchasing a new Debris Blower at a cost of \$12,600. This will make the course more playable as the leaves start falling. It was discovered that we own most of the patio area between the new restaurant and the pro shop which will require more cost to our operations instead of the restaurant owner. Mitch and Mr. Scanlan have discussed this with Mr. Plyman. Tree removing and replacement is still an on-going process.

4. Business Items: A proposal was made to keep the 2017 dues the same as this year with no increases. We will also offer current dues paying members a 10% discount if they pay their 2017 dues by October 31st. We are also offering new members free golf for the remainder of this calendar year if they pay their 2017 dues by October 31st. A motion was made by Mark Gillis and seconded by Bob Johns for this proposal. The motion carried unanimously. We all agreed that the best thing to do with the old lagoon area was to fill it in, and Mitch suggested topping it off with sand and some kind of plants to make it a waste area of the course.

5. Committee member comments: We all have received 100% negative feedback to the idea of a multi-use path along the West and North sides of the course. The concerns relate to safety, liability, increased or unwanted intrusion to the course, and the damage it would cause to the playability of holes 15, 16, and particularly 17. Chairman Berg will talk to Sam Tesreau regarding this before our next meeting. Josh talked about the possibility of having a scramble to promote our course to others in the area. Other courses in our area have success in this idea. Having a restaurant and bar will help promote this idea.

Our next meeting will be held in the City Hall basement conference room on Monday, September 16, 2016 at 5:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 5:35PM