



GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 19, 2016 5:30 PM
Rochelle City Hall Basement Conference Room

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

Others present: Golf Course Superintendent Mitch Hamilton, Mayor Chet Olson, and from the Park District were Roger Bunger, Bud Norcross and Don Elliott

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Berg at 5:30 PM. After the roll call the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting approved. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Johnson. All approved.

1. Public Comments: None
2. Financial Report: As of November 30th we had a fund balance of \$88,734.90 in the golf course account. We will have some bills for the concrete work that was done between the pro shop and SALT-7. Mitch is the only employee that is remaining on the payroll during the winter months. A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Gillis to accept the financial report. All approved.
3. Golf Course Superintendent Report: All of the proper work has been done to the course to make it ready for the winter months. Mitch will be working on his equipment during the off-season to prepare for the spring. Due to the age of the equipment this is quite extensive. A group of 24 golfers played in the "Carhartt Open" which was in

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conjunction with SALT-7. As a result of this event Mitch made a connection with Cain Millwork for a possible playday for 2017. We are going to try to promote a 15 week golf league next year with a goal of 16 teams. Mitch is working on the tee sign advertising at \$350 per sign. We discussed different incentive packages for 2017 including punch cards for a certain amount of play, possible corporate packages and packages for golf outings.

4. Business Items:

A. Changing the handicaps of the golf holes. We will collect a number of score cards in 2017 and use the data from them to give us a better idea of what the handicaps should be for each hole. We will then make a recommendation at that time.

B. Ideas for future improvements for the golf course and buildings. Mitch met a golf course architect at a superintendents conference who offered to do a Master Plan for our course at no cost. The gentleman is Todd Quitno, who is a former Rochelle resident and member of the former Rochelle Country Club. This is an excellent opportunity for us and we told Mitch to go ahead with him on this project. We had several ideas for course projects and enhancements and will try to work them into his plan. Mitch also provided us with his Capital wish list for the parking lot, buildings and the golf course.

5. Committee member reports and concerns were discussed in the new business.

6. Our next meeting will be held in April 2017 with a date and time to be determined sometime in March 2017. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gillis and seconded by Mr. Johnson. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.