



Minutes: Golf Course Advisory Committee

June 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Golf Course Advisory Committee was held on June 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM with Craig Wetherbee presiding and with Chris Rain as recording secretary.

Committee Members: Craig Wetherbee, Paul Suhrie, Mike Yesunas, Mike McDermott. Township Staff: Pro Shop Manager Todd Brown, Committee Liaison Chris Rain. On Zoom: Committee member John Pinto, Supervisor Mark Oney.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Craig Wetherbee.

Agenda

- A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting was made by Mike Yesunas, seconded by Paul Suhrie. Motion passed 4-0.
- Committee member John Pinto joined the meeting on Zoom at 8:32 AM and did not participate in the vote.

Minutes

- A motion to accept the minutes from the May 2024 meeting was made by Mike McDermott, seconded by Mike Yesunas. Motion passed 4-0.
- Committee member John Pinto joined the meeting on Zoom at 8:32 AM and did not participate in the vote.

Whispering Pines—Holly Dennis

- Holly Dennis was not present. No report was provided.

Grounds—Bill Parr

- Bill Parr was not present. Todd Brown reported that there was an irrigation issue that Mr. Parr was investigating. Mike McDermott stated that there is an irrigation problem on the 11th hole, that areas on holes 1, 2, and 18 need to be reseeded, and some areas need to be sprayed for ants. Paul Suhrie stated that other than these few issues, the course is in great shape.

Pro Shop—Todd Brown

- Todd Brown stated May was a slow month, due to the weather. June has had a strong start. The course is busy on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- 60 people signed up for the Memorial Day scramble. A few did not show due to the weather forecast, but the rest were able to play the entire course before it rained and the event went very well.

- The course will host a Labor Day event if the Township still owns the course by then. Mr. Brown also stated that he may do something for July 4.

Financials – Bonnie Christman

- Bonnie Christman was not present. No report was provided.

Marketing – Chris Rain

- Chris Rain stated that advertising was extended through the summer as the Township will own the course at least that long. Other marketing is as usual.
- Mike McDermott suggested posting some new photos on Google because photos of the dry conditions from prior years are still showing up. Mr. McDermott also suggested sending another eblast about Friday Night Scramble because turnout has been low so far.

Old Business:

- Bids for purchase of the golf course are due by Tuesday June 11, 2024 at 4:00 PM. The bid opening will be at the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on Thursday June 13, 2024 starting at 7:00 PM.
- Mark Oney reported that the Township has had a lot of interested calls and visits to the property.

New business:

- Mike McDermott stated that he played at Pocono Hills golf course recently and was told by staff that they believe the course will be put up for sale soon.

Public Comment:

- None.

Meeting Adjourned

- Mike Yesunas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 AM, seconded by Paul Suhrie. Motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2024 at 8:30 am at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Rain
Recording Secretary